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BERLIN, W., January 14, 1911.

One of the most talked of composers in Germany today next to Richard Strauss and Max Reger—is Hans Pfitzner. One of his best known works is his opera, "Die Rose vom Liebesgarten," which has been performed on various stages in Germany with pronounced success. Hitherto Berlin would have naught of it, however; nor are there any present indications that the opera, as such, will be produced here for some time to come. Pfitzner lived in Berlin for a number of years, but he found so little recognition here that he finally turned his back on the city and betook himself to Munich, where he fared somewhat bet-At present he is conductor of the Strassburg Orchestra. Pfitzner as a com-



CARICATURE OF LUDWIG WULLNER BY E. BURKART. shed by Breitkopf & Härtel caricatures of Busoni, and Burmester that re-appeared in these columns so by the same artist and

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but many more detractors. To that progressive and energetic young conductor, Oskar Fried, is due the credit for having presented to the Berlin public at least a part of the much talked of "Die Rose vom Liebesgarten." At the fifth concert of the Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde, which occurred in the large hall of the Philharmonie on evening, Fried Monday produced in concert form the first act of the opera. With the assistance of the Philharmonic Orchestra and an able body of soloists, he gave a most efficient rendition of the fragment. Disrobed of all scenic the beauties action of the stage. much of the effect of the work

poser has many admirers,

are also by the same artist and as a whole is, of course, lost; yet the impression made by the music alone was a most favorable one. Pfitzner employs the Wagnerian methods, but a strong note of individuality runs through the entire score of the first act of the opera. Dramatic intensity, verve, broad melodic lines and masterly architectural skill are united here in a most praiseworthy whole. Judging from the success this fragment had, the opera itself would meet with a warm reception here. Why is the Berlin Royal Opera so slew about bringing out novelties?

The singers who participated in the performance were llelene Forti, soprano, of Prague; Maria Seret van Eyken, contralto, of Berlin; Johannes Sembach, tenor, of Dresden and Reimar Poppe, bass. The small tenor part had to be omitted because Willy Merkel, who was to have sung it, was prevented from appearing at the last moment; the part was so unimportant that the omission did not mar the performance as a whole, however. Helene Forti, from the Prague Opera, a pupil of Madame Emerich, with her magnificent voice and temperamental delivery made a splendid impression. Madame van Eyken, the well known concert singer and disciple of Frau Dr. Ypes-Speet, also gave a noble interpretation of her part.

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The rest of the program was given up to Ferruccio Busoni's orchestra suite, "Turandot," which was first produced here some years ago under the composer's own leadership. Busoni in his score has caught to perfection the bizarre, Oriental spirit that pervades Gozzi's fairy tale which the music is based. Thematically the suite is light in character, the composer having made an extensive use of march rhythms, although there is a very characteristic waltz in the third part. The music is orchestrated throughout in a masterly manner and may unquestionably

with a warm reception.

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Jacques Dalcroze, the Swiss, who has of late years be-come so famous because of his remarkable reforms in the rhythmic field, gave a concert at the Hochschule with the Blüthner Orchestra on Tuesday evening, at which he had the assistance of his wife, an excellent singer and Robert Pollak, the violinist, of Geneva. The program consisted entirely of compositions by Dalcroze and was made up of a dance suite in four movements, two vocal numbers for soprano with orchestral accompaniment, entitled "La Chanson des regrets" and "Robin et Marion"; also an orchestral number called "Kirmess" and the second violin concerto in C minor, which, strange to say, Dalcroze dubs "Symphonic Poem for Orchestra and Violin." This violin concerto was the most important number on the program. Appealing in melodic invention, interesting rhythmically, clothed in a brilliant orchestral garb it held the attention of the listeners from the first to the last note and gave Pollak imple opportunity to shine as soloist, both in point of virtuosity and cantabile playing. He proved to be an admirable performer. The "Kirmess" is also a work full of individuality and color, although it lacks the rustic elements that should be present to justify the title. Jacques Dalcroze is above all things individual, as was revealed in the two vocal numbers, which were tastefully and effectively sung by Madame Dalcroze, who is also known as Nina Faliero. In the dance suite, too, are revealed many charming and piquant effects. As a whole it was a most interesting concert.

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Gottlieb Noren's trio in D minor, op. 28, for violin, cello and piano, was performed in Bechstein Hall on Saturday evening by the Sevcik Quartet, of Prague, in the presence omposer. Both in substance and in structure it is a composition full of interest, and its reading left little to be desired. It was warmly applauded and the composer was called out onto the platform. A Mozart quartet was the other chamber music number on the program. these two selections seven lieder, three by Schumann, two by Tschalkowsky and two by Grieg, were sung by Theodore Byard, baritone, of London. Mr. Byard sing: German uncommonly well for an Englishman; in fact, he enunciated so distinctly and pronounced the words so correctly that one would scarcely have noticed that he was a foreigner. His voice is a high baritone, which has been thoroughly schooled, chiefly in Paris with Bouhy. His interpretations revealed both taste and intelligence as well as feeling. In Schumann's "Die Loewenbraut" he sang with a great deal of intensity. The young Englishman met with a very cor dial reception.

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On the same evening Arrigo Serato, the well known Italian violinist, gave a concert with the Philharmonic Orchestra in Beethoven Hall. The artist's nationality was not revealed by his program, which comprised Bülow's famous three German B's. Serato is above all things a temperamental player and his warm, sunny tone predestines him for cantabile playing; he has, however, at the same time a highly developed technic and that he is a musician of superior merit was revealed not so much in the



BEST PHOTOGRAPH EVER TAKEN OF TSCHAIKOWSKY.

choice of his severely classical program as in the successful way in which he grappled with the musical problems of the Bach E major, the Beethoven and the Brahms concertos. The Italian acquitted himself of his difficult German task with eminent success; yet it is a question if

be reckoned among Busoni's best creative efforts. It met he is on the right track in trying to make of himself a strictly classical violinist; if there are any two concerts that are done to death in Berlin today, these are the Beethoven and Brahms. Whatever may be one's views as to the advisability of such a course in the case of a young Italian like Serago, everyone must admit that he played the three great works remarkably well. The external success of the concert was quite in keeping with the character of the program, for Beethoven Hall was full to the last seat and the genial young conductor was applauded to the echo. In Dr. Kunwald and the Philharmonic Orchestra the violinist had assistants worthy of his zeal.

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Myrtle Elvyn was one of the participants in a big concert given for charity at the Reichstag on Sunday evening. She played the Chopin A flat ballad, Leschetizky's left hand arrangement of the sextet from "Lucia" and the Schulz-Evler "Blue Danube" waltz displaying in a brilliant light all her admirable qualities as a pianist and meeting with unqualified success. The other artists who took part were Franz von Vecsey, Florence Maclennan-Easton, American soprano of the Royal Opera: Franz Egenieff, of the Comic Opera and Madame Salvatini-Gerard; also the Berlin Lehrer Gesangverein, under the leadership of Prof. Felix Schmidt. Francesco d'Andrade, the famous Portuguese baritone, was also down on the program, but he was prevented from singing by illness; Rudolph Berger, of the Royal Opera, the baritone of whom Oscar Saenger made a tenor, took his place. Egenieff, Berger and Madame Easton are all singers of distinction and their work met with warm approval. A large share of the honors of the evening were carried off by Franz von Vecsey, who gave beautiful renditions of Wilhelmi's arrangement of the Chopin D flat nocturne and of Wieniawski's "Souvenir de Moscou," which Vecsey played instead of Paganini's "Witches' Dance," which was down on the program.

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Albert Niemann, the veteran Wagnerian singer, tomorrow will celebrate his eightieth birthday. Niemann, who vas the great hero of the Bayreuth Festival of 1876 and

who created the part of Tannhäuser at the Paris première in 1861 is, in spite of his fourscore years, hale and hearty, and he seems good for at least another decade. His manner of taking leave of the stage was quite different from the usual run of things with operatic stars. One night, twenty-one years ago, after having sung with great success the part of Florestan in "Fidelio," he simply said to his friend and colleague Betz, while they were dressing behind



ALBERT NIEMANN, The greatest of all Wagnutenors, who celebrated eightieth birthday at Berl January 15.

the scenes, "Adieu, my dear Betz, we shall not see each other here again," and he kept his word; that was the last time he ever appeared on the stage of the Berlin Royal Opera. He was entreated from all sides to give a big farewell performance, but in vain. He preferred to retire while still in the full possession of his vocal powers rather than gradually go into decline in harness, as so many other famous operatic singers have done.

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A big and legitimate success was scored by Maria Carerras in Blüthner Hall on January 11. This young Italian pianist has grown and matured during the last two years to an astonishing degree and she is today unquestionably one of the foremost women pianists in the world. There is now in the playing of Madame Carerras much of that brilliancy, transcendental virtuosity and unique uplift that was formerly missing. She has profited a great deal through association with her famous countryman, Busoni. I shall shortly have more to say about this interesting

On Thursday evening another Italian was heard in Beethoven Hall. This was Armida Senatra, a violinist, who appeared with the Philharmonic Orchestra under the leadership of Dr. Kunwald. The Bach and Brahms concertos, which the young lady chose to essay, do not suit her individuality, but in the Paganini concerto in the Wilhelmj arrangement she was more at home. Madame Senatra has a warm tone and a fiery temperament; her left hand technic is also very good. But her bowing is stiff, being almost entirely devoid of wrist movement, and for this reason passage work calling for quick, complicated strokes of the bow, did not come out with a clean tone production. Rhythmically, too, the violinist has yet much to learn. The difficult runs in tenths and the hard chord progressions she took, for instance, at a much slower tempo than simple passages, which put the whole thing out

of joint. However, the young lady has many estimable qualities and her warm blooded delivery seemed to please her audience mightily, for she was vociferously applauded. . .

Two young debutantes are worthy of mention because both, though not finished by any means, give promise of The one was Ellen Byck, a young violinist, the future. who has studied for several years past under Barmas at the Scharwenka Conservatory. My assistant informs me that she played with a firm, sure technic, with an excellent tone, good musicianship and with energetic expression. The other debutante, Käthe Heinemann, a pianist, who gave a recital in the Singakademie, should wait a couple years before beginning her public career. She has undeniable talent, but neither her tone nor her touch is sufficiently developed to enable her to appear successfully as a concert pianist.

Tina Lerner is back in Berlin after a brief visit to England where she played with her usual extraordinary success, and on January 26 she will be heard in a recital in Beethoven Hall. In February the brilliant young Russian pianist will return to England to fill a number of engagements for which she is booked in London and in the larger province towns.

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Hugo von Hoffmannthal, Richard Strauss' librettist, has arrived in Dresden to superintend the final rehearsals of the "Rosenkavalier." The tickets for the première of the much talked of opera are already completely sold out and the management announces that there will be more outsiders present than residents of Dresden; the critics of the Dresden daily papers requested permission to attend the last rehearsal, but this was refused by the management of the Royal Opera on the grounds that Richard Strauss himself did not approve of this. From various quarters in Germany come reports that those who have become acquainted with the music of the opera are not very enthuover Strauss' manner of employing waltz rhythms, and the composer to doubt wishes no more discussion of the novelty until it is properly presented in public. However, Fuerstner, the publisher of the work, at the instigation of Count Seebach, the Intendant of the Dresden Royal Opera, has expressed his willingness to place the libretto and piano arrangement of the score at the disposal of the Dresden critics one week before the première. The Dresden critics will be but a small contingent of the entire journalistic fraternity present at the première, for some 200 papers will be represented. Practi-cally all of the Berlin critics will attend. It will be a musical event of international importance.

#### Elsa Rau a Busy Pianist.

Elsa Rau's success as a concert pianist is well known in Germany, her native country, where she has been re-peatedly heard in all the principal music centers, as Berlin, Leipsic, Munich, Hamburg, Weimar, Görlitz, Darmstadt, Stettin, etc. It is impossible for her to extend her tours outside of Germany at present, because of the demands on her time made by her large class of advanced pupils, but she makes frequent appearances, nevertheless, both in Berlin, where she makes her headquarters, and in those other cities within easy reaching distance of the Prussian capital and is always a welcome guest.

## LUDWIG HESS' BIOGRAPHY.

next season will be Ludwig Hess, the celebrated German lieder and oratorio tenor, one of Germany's most successful concert singers. The following biography of Hess was by Heinrich Breiding, the well known German music litterateur

Royal Court Singer Ludwig Hess, 'the leading concert singer of the present time,' as the Hannover'sche Courier styles him, was born on March 23, 1877. His father was the eminent scientist and university professor, Dr. E. Hess Ludwig, who was a very precocious child, commenced his



LUDWIG HESS.

musical career at the early age of five years, when he was initiated into the mysteries of piano and violin. He finished his college education in 1895, receiving his certificate, and was then enrolled as a student both at the Berlin University and Royal High School of Music at Berlin, where he continued his studies in piano, harmony and composition.

"The youth's exceptionally beautiful voice was first schooled by Professor Rudolf Otto and Ffrangeon Davies and was then brought to perfection in Milan by Maestro Melchiorre Vidal. Hess afterward lived in Berlin until 1906, in the dual capacity as composer and vocalist. concert tours led him to all the German cities as well as to Austria-Hungary, Russia, Finland, Scandinavia, Hol-

land, Belgium, France and Switzerland. Hess was called to Munich in the year 1906 to succeed Felix Mottl as conductor of the Concert Society, where he was awarded the golden medal for art and science, as well as the Order of the Red Eagle from the German Emperor for his artistic achievements. Hess scored a series of remarkable successes as a conductor, and his larger compositions, such as the opera 'Ariadne,' two choral works and many songs are all holding their own. Hess gathers laurels wherever he goes, his reputation preceding him, and triumph following in his footsteps. His phenomenal voice (a most powerful heroic tenor with the most delicate lyrical nuances) piano has reminded critics very frequently of Caruso. Its forte is more inclined, according to other critics, toward the resonant organs of Heinrich Vogel and Albert Niemann in their prime. Hess in his recitative and interpretative powers (and the whole German army of critics is unanimous on this point) can be compared only to Ludwig Wüllner.
"The celebrated German critic, Doctor Oswald Kuehn,

writing in the Neue Musikzeitung, says of Hess that 'the impression made by his quite exceptionally artistic personality, his charm of temperament, a happy combination of musician and poet, is one of remarkable fascination. It is the same everywhere, "Hess comes, sings and conquers."

#### Augusta Cottlow and the Arthur Foote Quintet.

Augusta Cottlow relates a pleasing incident in connection with her recent appearance in Berlin with the Waldemar Meyer Quartet, when it presented for the first time in the German capital the Arthur Foote quintet, which received warm praise from the public and the press, both for the work itself and the able interpretation.

After the concert two German ladies introduced themelves to Miss Cottlow, requesting her address, saying in German: "Herr Professor Dr. S---- wishes to write to you, as he says he has not been so impressed with the playing of anyone in a long time. When listening to you he felt 'ganz begeistert'" (quite inspired). A few days later Miss Cottlow received a highly prized letter from the Herr professor, of which the following is a translation:

Honored, Gractious Miss:—

Will you permit a (to you unknown) man and wife who are genuine music lovers to write a few lines to express their thanks to you for bringing forward the Foote quintet, the piano part of which you played so ravishingly. The finished technic, the consideration for the other instruments, the grace and naturalness in demeanor and expression and freedom from all mannerisms gave great happiness to an elderly couple and awakened in them memories of Icachim. ories of Joachim.

I play the piano a little, enough to appreciate and enjoy your playing to its fullest extent.

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We wish you continued strength and the greatest success, and
the purity in your playing and art, which you now possess, be
you until your old age.

t will give us pleasure to send you a slight token of our ap-

preciation of your beautiful art.

Most respectfully yours,
PROF. M. C. P. S. AND WIFE.

The next day Miss Cottlow received a copy of one of -'s works, which she has added to her
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#### Emma Koch's Success as a Teacher.

In these days of virtuosity it is rare to find a wom who possesses the dual gifts for teaching and public playing in the high degree that Emma Koch, of Berlin, has m Nothing but the excessive modesty of the artist herself has kept her name from becoming known all over the world, for as a pedagogue in the German capital during the last ten years she has achieved extraordinary and lasting auccess, and as a performer she has been hailed throughout Europe as a pianist of the first rank. Her Beethoven playing has been praised with special warmth by the critics, although they all write that as a brilliant Liszt interpreter she is equally successful. After her debut in Moscow at a symphony concert, the music correspondent of the Niederschlesische Allgemeine Zeitung wrote:

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In Germany Frl. Koch has for years enjoyed the reputation of being one of the greatest woman pianists of our time. She has been praised especially as a Beethoven interpreter par excellence and such she brilliantly praved to be. Her masterly performance of the Lisst E flat concerto called forth storms of applause. Frl. Koch combines a sovereign technic with refined, artistic taste. Tschaikowsky's "Chanson triste," Liszt's F minor concert etude and Schubert's "Marche Militaire" she played equally well.

Appended are also excerpts from some Dutch criticisms:

We heard and admired Emma Koch in Saint-Saens' brilliant G
minor concerto, Chopin's B major nocturne and Liszt's "Don Juan"
fantasy. At the very beginning of the concerto we felt that we
had to do with a pianist of the first rank and at the conclusion we
mentally placed a star after her name. Splendid touch, perfect
technic and wealth of conception are hers.—Rotterdam Nieuwblad.

With her interpretation of Liszt's "Don Juan" fantasy, full of energetic mental force and virile strength, Frl. Koch delighted her audience to the point of enthusiasm. Then she played a nocturne with the real "Stimmung," with the right kind of a touch, so soft and delicate and poetic that we thoroughly felt the mood of the deepening twilight of a summer evening, felt the soft balmy air and scented sweet flowers, while the tones of Chopin's poetry vibrated through us.—Nieuwe Rotterdam Courant.

#### More Praise for Leila Holterhoff.

The following brilliant press notice on Miss Hölterhoff appeared in the Coblenz Zeitung of January 5, after the artist's first appearance in that city:

artist's first appearance in that city:

The third symphony concert under the baton of Generalmusik-direktor Kes took place before a well filled house. The soloist of the evening was Leila S. Hölterhoft, who scored a great success. The program was opened with a splendid rendition of Beethoven's magnificent overture to Collin's tragedy, "Coriolan," and was greatly applauded. The soloist of the evening then followed, singing the bell aria from Leo Delibes' "Lakmé." Miss Hölterhoff showed herself to be an artist possessing an exquisite and well schooled voice. One tone succeeded another like a string of pearls, with bell-like purity, a "magic bell," which brought forth stormy aplause from her audience. The voice of the artist is full and rich and is pure in all its registers, even in the most difficult passages.

The soloist, who later sang three songs by Hugo Wolf, which were "In dem Schatten meiner Locken." "Elfenlied" and "Mausefallen-Sprüchlein," was applauded enthusiastically and called upon for an encore.

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#### A New Bust of Richard Burmeister.

Among the distinguished persons who attended the Berlin concert given by Richard Burmeister recently with such brilliant success in the luxurious concert hall of the Hotel

Esplanade, in Berlin, were the following: Count and Countess Castellane, from Paris; Baron and Baroness von Köppen, Baron and Baroness Flockher, Madame Gomer, wife of the Argentine Ambassador; Baroness von Mutzenbecher, Baroness Worms-Todeseo, Major von Schelling, Baroness von Rheinbaben, Countess zu Dohna, Her Excellency Mrs. Stemrich, Her Excellency Mrs. Brunner, Geheimrat von Siemens, Frau Dr. von



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#### Alberto Jonas in Cologne.

Alberto Jonas, the renowned pianist and pedagogue, whose frequent appearances during the season on the concert platforms of important German music centers have mentioned in these columns, was heard with remarkable success in Cologne, when the following tributes were paid to his art:

The pianist, Alberto Jonas, from Berlin, showed specially in the B flat minor sonata by Chopin a remarkable technic, fine shadings of touch and an interpretation throughout intellectual. His playing was broad and big and his conception powerful and personal, all of which deserved the tremendous success which was given him.—Köln. Volkszeitung, October 31, 1910.

A most interesting acquaintance was made with the pianist, Al erto Jonas, from Berlin. The artist has considerable knowledge

is a splendid musician and at the piano a captivating personality. One seldom hears the B flat minor sonata of Chopin played so con-vincingly as he played it.—Köln. Tageblatt, October 31, 1910.

#### MUSIC IN LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, England, January 11, 1911.

The principal and in fact only event of any importance that has happened during the Christmas interregnum has been the production of Sir Edward Elgar's much talked of violin concerto, which took place on the afternoon of New Year's Eve in the presence of an audience that more than taxed the capacity of the Philharmonic Hall. Sir Edward himself conducted the Halle Orchestra, his friend, Dr. Richter, being for the nonce a passive listener. Kreisler, to whom the work is dedicated, entered upon what was evidently a labor of love, and the formidable passages left his hands with confidence and glow. Though opinions may differ as to the quality of this concerto, there can be no doubt that the magnitude of the design is of noble propor-tions; but the solo part is not to be approached except by a master player, and in this respect the conditions were The slow movement of course made many admirers, but a single hearing is not enough to enable to get anything like a really truthful impression, and I shall await with much interest the version that is to be given here later by Zacharewitscl. Kreisler followed the Elgar work with Mendelssohn's concerto, the limpid beauty of which came to grateful ears, and the reading, I need hardly say, was of an extremely high order. In addition to accompanying the two concertos the orchestra was put through Bennett's "Naiades" overture, and the conductor's 'Alassio" fantasie overture, both of which, especially the latter, were pleasurable experiences.

At the seventh concert of the Philharmonic Society we had a violinist new to these parts, in the person of René Chemet, who is an executant of undoubted capacity, and she produced a tone of singular purity and resonance, a result no doubt assisted by an obviously fine instrument. Her handling of the solo work of Bach's first concerto was in every way in accord with the best traditions, although some people are under the impression that no woman can interpret Bach satisfactorily. To a certain extent this may be true, but in the instance under notice an exception must surely be made. The lady's faculty was further instanced in her strong phrasing of the well known air on the G string, subsequently given as an "encore" after a very brilliant reading of Vieuxtemps' "Fan-tasia Appassionata." The vocal numbers were entrusted to Paul Schmedes, a tenor hailing from Denmark, but he did not create much of an impression, although in reality there was not any very great fault to find. His best effort was during Schumann's lovely "Nussbaum," which had the advantage of Dr. Cowen's sympathetic piano accom-paniment. Dr. Cowen also presided over the fine orchestra, rendered, among other things, Debussy's extraordinarily fascinating "L'Après mide d'un Faune" and Richard Strauss' powerful tone poem, "Don Juan," which latter had been already preceded by Mozart's overture to the opera of the same name, though why these totally dissimilar examples should have been so closely associated on this oc-casion is one of those questions that perhaps need no reply. Humperdinck's overture to "Hänsel and Gretel" was also a welcome item and concluded a concert of rather uncommon variety and interest. W. J. BOWDEN

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56 BLOOMSBURY St., BEDFORD SQUARE, W. C., LONDON, England, January 21, 1911.

The first week in the résumé of the London musical season has been one of much interest. Monday evening, January 16, the London Symphony Orchestra gave its fifth concert of the year with Professor Müller-Reuter as conductor and Elena Gerhardt as soloist. This was Professor Müller-Reuter's professional entrée to Londo he proved his thorough musicianship and orchestral com-mand in a program constructed of the following num-bers: Overture, "Benvenuto Cellini," by Berlioz; the "Eroica" symphony, by Beethoven; Frederick Delius' nocturne, entitled "Paris," and Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegel." Most worthy of comment was Professor Müller-Reuter's reading of the Beethoven "Eroica." Essentially Beethoven in mood and manner of conception, not too classic, but not too far divergent from the classic in thought, Professor Müller-Reuter's interpretation was a clean cut delineation of theme and counter theme, well knit in its ensemble, and delivered with a strongly marked rhythmical sense and well built up and impressive climaxes interesting vocal numbers were sung by Elena Gerhardt, who was in excellent form. Nourmahal's song from Weber's "Lalla Rookh," which had been orchestrated by Professor Müller-Reuter, received its first performance orchestra on this occasion; a second number with orchestra was "Il mio bel foco," by Benedetto Marcello. A group of Wolf lieder, including "Gesang Weyla's," "Nimmersatte Liebe," "Du mit einen Fädchen" and "Der Freund," with Professor Müller-Reuter as accompanist at the piano, completed Miss Gerhardt's program, which was in its entirety delivered with all the singer's accustomed fervor and charm of vocal tone. She received a veritable ovation from her audience.

Frederick Delius' nocturne, "Paris," or "The Song of a Great City," is a work ultra-modern in character, after the younger French school of musical "impression On hearing the composition one immediately recalled to mind Monet's wonderful picture of Paris, with the Notre Dame Cathedral and Montmartre outlined with all the mystical charm of the "impressionistic" school in painting. Unfortunately the mood of the Delius tone picture does not contain the subtlety of character one finds in the Monet painting, though comparison may seem futile. It fails to merge with a like exquisite mode its scheme of harny and color, its imagery of shadow and substance. There are too many strident tonal clashings, seemingly meaningless, out of the picture, so to say, and destructive of that veil of delicacy that is the raison d'être of true

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impressionism, whether in the art of painting or in the art of music. The composition begins with a "deep hum" (double bassoon and bass clarinet, etc.). That is very effective as far as it goes, but it suggests, not Paris alone, but any great city, for they all have their "deep hum," which is very much alike, whether it be emitted by Paris, London, the metropolis of the "Wild and Woolly West," or Paris' imitation sister city over on the Atlantic sea-board. In truth, "Broadway by Night" would be a very good title for the composition, and then the meaningles: clashings might pass for the clanging Broadway trolley cars, in their half minute schedule up and down that thoroughfare. After the "hum" there is the "Romance" epiode, which is as far as the program annotator drifted in his analysis, the balance of the changing tempos and va-rious other devices being left to the imagination of the listener. Perhaps he is wise in his generation; perhaps he became engulfed in the romance. However, though this composition by Delius may lack precise geographical lo-cality, barring its title, it is an esthetic and interesting Tremendously difficult from every technical point of view is the attempt to catch the musical monograph of such a dumb living thing as a "great city," and to particularize and differentiate that approaches the impossible, at least at the present stage of musical art's advancement. And as to the musical expression of the psychology of any one city, that is even more evasive in its evanescent complexity.

There was produced in Queen's Hall, January 17, a new work by Franco Leoni, entitled "Golgotha," a new "sacred the "words from the text of the New with Testament." If music has its own inanimate and diversi-fied character, and may also be constructed to illustrate, amplify and transcend a given text, which all educated musicians freely admit to be so, and the recognition of which basic principle has promoted the rapid advancement of musical art within the last hundred and fifty years, then, granting that, music of the "Golgotha" "sacred cantype has no claim to serious attention. But for the tata' fact that the productions of such works are the milestones retarding a nation's musical progress, and that from that point of view alone they should be rigorously condemned, no attention whatever would be paid to them in this department. If, then, music may and should at least harmonize in mood with the text with which it is united, that of "Golgotha" is an affront to this principle in every bar of its score. Thematically the work is trivial, mellifluous, and might easily have been written for some light, joyous, pastoral play. The orchestration is clever. that is, what might be called clever in light opera employment. But it does not suffice the artistic sense of the fitness of things that the bassoon and bass clarinet repeatedly intone the deepest notes of their lowest registers for the expression of the sorrowful, or the pathetic. Something of greater harmonic substance and finer musical texture is needed, especially in a text of so significant a Naturally much depends on the composer's perception of the story of Christ, or the episodes utilized in the framing of his sacred cantata. One would like to know what philosophic and ethical viewpoints Mr. Leoni of the matter he has set to music. What does "Golgotha" really signify to him? Was he intentionally bur-lesquing it? To a Christian with even but a partial comprehension of the meaning of the Christian ideal and the leading figure in the "great drama," such a musical set-ting must seem the veriest mockery. Even if one divest

the Christ figure of all divinity and refuse to believe in the Christian ideal or philosophy, there still remains the great historic character deserving of at least respectful musical treatment, free from the borderland of trumpery But there is no accounting for the queer contortions of the musical mentality. And why prohibit "Salome," which is in a much greater degree less a Biblical affront than "Golgotha"? Is it because the public is really musically illiterate—auricularly illiterate? It must be so, otherso unplausibly a vulgar musical performance as 'Golgotha" would never be permitted a hearing.

Surely the text of "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away," etc., does not call for a vapid hymn tune, nor "Behold, the hour is at hand," for a light, airy, rather pretty tune. And it would be difficult to find in all serious musical literature a greater travesty on a serious context than the solo for tenor (all the Christ music is for tenor) to the text, "My Kingdom is not of this world," unless it is the polka dance music written for "And they stripped Him and put on Him a scarlet robe!" If in the latter If in the latter the composer meant to express derision, he could have found many better examples in compositions dating back many years.

Constructively (musically) there is nothing in the harmonic scheme to warrant any notice, except that the com poser's favorite modulation is an abrupt change from the tonic chord to the major and minor third above. This particular form of modulation graces nearly every page of the score, at least every other page. And the composer has dispensed with all key signature, a precaution entirely superfluous, as the triteness of the modulations absolve themselves from any need of special "help." The adjustment of the text to proper musical accent, or vice versa, is another conspicuous fault in a very faulty work.

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Arthur Nikisch has written the following tory note on the piano concerto by Arthur Hinton, which was played by Katharine Goodson in Queen's Hall last May under Professor Nikisch's direction: "The piano conby Arthur Hinton is significant as being an enrichment to the piano literature for which we must be grate-It is full of imagination in the invention, the musical development is excellent, and it is splendidly orchestrated. Since, besides this, it is highly effective and grateful for the virtuoso, I am convinced that pianists will have de-light in taking this piece into their repertories."

Two interesting novelties were heard at the Leeds Philharmonic concert, given in Queen's Hall, January 13, in conjunction with the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Wassili Safonoff. Both were the choral works of a very talented English woman, Margaret Meredith, and were written to words by Owen Seaman, one a "Requiem on the Death of Queen Victoria," and the other an "In Memoriam of King Edward VII." Mrs. Meredith possesses the gift of melodic invention, which is enhanced to a striking degree by a great refinement of musical thought and idea. In her setting of the "In Memoriam" this was fully demonstrated, perhaps to a greater degree than in the "Requiem." Both works were performed in the autumn at Harrogate, where they were also enthusi-Wassili Safonoff, who conducted their astically received. performance at Queen's Hall, spoke in the highest terms of Mrs. Meredith's talent and capabilities as a composer. From the press, which was unanimous in its praise, some few excerpts follow, Said the Evening Post: "Both works are designed on broad and uninvolved lines marked by

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dignity of thought and sincerity of purpose. The manner of "In Memoriam" has greater variety and shows considerable feeling for dramatic effect." The Referee: "Both works are permeated by a deep earnestness and a spiritual purity which move the listener. Mrs. Meredith is now fairly well known in the musical world as a composer of high aims and artistic perception, and so few English women have attacked the larger forms of music that Mrs. Meredith's works merit special consideration."

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An interesting recital was given by Hélène Martini, a pupil of George Fergusson, of Berlin, in Beethoven Hall, January 17. Madame Martini's program covered a wide range of selection and her interpretations were marked by much distinction and innate refinement of style. Espe-cially effective was she in Gluck's "Spiagge Amate"; "Rose Chérie," from Gratry's "Zémire et Azor"; "L'Amour de Moi" (fifteenth century); "Love Me or Not" (old English), and George Monroe's "My Lovely Celia."

Fritz Kreisler was heard in an orchestral concert in Queen's Hall, January 16, with the Queen's Hall Orchestra, under the conductorship of Sir Edward Elgar. The latter's violin concerto was again heard, as was also the Beethoven concerto, and the Saint-Saëns "Rondo Capriccustomed finished interpretations.

\* \* \* The Queen's Hall Orchestra will resume its regular Saturday afternoon concerts in Queen's Hall today. The concert will be conducted by Sir Henry J. Wood, and this occasion will be the conductor's first appearance at the Saturday afternoon concerts since he received the honor of knighthood. The program of this first concert of the spring series offers an interesting contrast of styles. The first number is Alfred Bruneau's orchestral suite, "L'Attaque du Moulin," which is based on his opera of the same title, which latter work it will be remembered was first heard in this country at Covent Garden in 1894. The suite for orchestra was one of the popular successes of the Queen's Hall Promenade Concerts last autumn. The program also includes Sir Edward Elgar's symphony in A flat, which has not been heard at the symphony concerts since the season of 1909. The soloist will be Jacques

most talented pupil of Paderewski, it is perhaps well to state more fully that Mr. Schelling is the only pupil Mr. Paderewski has ever had who has studied with him consecutively for a period of years, and the only one acknowledged by Mr. Paderewski as his pupil.

EVELYN KAESMANN.

#### Paul Draper, Tenor.

Paul Draper was born in New York on November 29, 1886. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Wil-



PAUL DRAPER

As in many notices which have appeared in the press about Ernest Schelling it has been stated that he is the

prominently associated with every new movement in New York musical life, and probably no other New York house hold has entertained so many of the greatest musical stars, among them Paderewski, Seidl, Wilhelmj, Busoni and many others.

The young man began his musical studies at Harvard College, coming later to Munich, where he studied in the Royal Academy under that splendid musician, Prof. Au-gust Schmid-Lindner. His only idea was to become a concert pianist, but after two years of hard study he was so unfortunate as to be attacked by inflammation of the nerves of the hand. In the hope of overcoming the disease Mr. Draper returned to America and rested for a year. He then returned to Europe and joined the Leschetizsky circle in Vienna, but after another year of earnest work the disease returned with increased force, and he was obliged to abandon pianistic work definitely. Unwillwas obliged to abandon pianistic work definitely. was obliged to abandon planistic work dennitely. Unwilling, however, to give up a musical career, he fell back
on his voice. He was the fortunate possessor of a tenor
voice of very pleasing quality, and had a lways aung as
an amateur. Going to that home of vocal art, Florence,
Italy, he placed himself under the direction of the well known Maestro Isadore Braggiotti, and devoted two years to serious work.

It was a daring thing for so young a singer to select Schubert's "Winterreise" cycle, that hardest test of an artist's knowledge of singing and interpretation, for his debut, but the excellent way in which he acquitted him-self justified the selection. Mr. Draper sang the whole cycle—it lasts an hour and a half—without the book, something that, as far as is known, no native German singer has ever done. He was fortunate in having that splendid musician, Professor Schmid-Lindner, his former teacher, as accompanist.

Following his very successful Munich debut Mr. Draper will sing "Die Winterreise" in Hamburg, Dresden and Vienna, returning thereafter to Florence, where he will continue his studies. Mr. Draper's handling of the voice is excellent, his mezza voce being particularly good, and he lays special stress upon interpretation. He has learned a great deal in the comparatively short time of his study, and is sure to develop into a concert singer of the first magnitude with further work on the same lines. It is to be hoped that he will be heard in America in the not distant H. O. Oscoon.

Debussy's "L'Enfant Prodigue" was sung at Magdeburg very recently.

# SOME RECENT PRESS COMMENTS ON THE SUCCESS OF

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Carolina White, as Minnie, won her second Philadelphia triumph. Her appearance in "Aida" last Friday night, in the title role, showed plainly that she is an addition to the stars of this country, whose services will be highly appreciated. Her singing and acting of Minnie verified the first impression of her. Her voice is one of rare sweetness and resonance and unusual range. She sings the difficult role of Minnie in a manner that must command the highest praise. Sopranos are rare who can sing down to B sopranos are rare who can sing down to the highest praise. Sopranos are rare who can sing down to the highest praise. Sopranos are rare who can sing down to the highest praise. Sopranos are rare who can sing lown to the highest praise. Sopranos are rare who can sing lown to the high register. Her acting in the start of the second act found her at her best. Her acting in the first of the second act found her at her best. Her acting in the first of the second act found her at her best. Her acting in the first of the second act found her at her best. Her acting in the first of the second act found her at her best. Her acting in the first of the second act found her at her best. Her acting in the first of the second act found her at her best. Her acting in the first of the second act found her at her best. Her acting in the first of the second act found her at her best. Her acting in the first of the second act for the s

#### EVENING POST, CHICAGO.

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Madame White has added her name to those who count, the kind ou can bank on not merely as an artist, but as a woman with a grit that we like to think is peculiarly American, for, though a caudience knew nothing about it, she was nearly used up with estrain, and only what we call "sand" carried her through, he second act was hers, vocally and dramatically, a doing of the ing that had the feeling of life, straight from the heart. The montier costume she had to wear could not dull the charm of her crsonality, that something which is given to the few, to absorb the montier costume she had to wear could not dull the charm of her crsonality, that something which is given to the few, to absorb themselves in what they do until it becomes the thing itself, with-ut which voice, beauty, training, all count for naught. The "poker ame," as they played it under the yellow light of that one lamp, as a thing that gripped you fast, and the people just held their relings in till the curtain fell, then they let loose.

#### CHICAGO RECORD-HERALD.

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barrassment was scarcely to be the young artist from achieving a real triumph of action as the young artist from achieving a real triumph of action as song. The physical attractions of Miss White lent much charm to her impersonation of the picturesque maiden who kept the Polka Saloon in the Sierras have the charm of the artist's reading of her part, the grace with which the charm of the artist's reading of her part, the grace with which the possible, in reviewing later were of larger fascination. It work, to real upon many subtle excellences of Miss White's performance. It is sufficient now to testify to its complete and unequivocable success.

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Let it not be forgotten, moreover, that Miss White can sing. Her pure and radiant soprano, youthful, fresh and manipulated with sterling art, was entirely advante to the difficulties of this long and arduous role. This singer is a genuine "find," one of the most promising in her metier of any of the recent discoveries of the operatic stage.



CAROLINA WHITE AS SANTUZZA. In which role she appeared in Philadelphia on Monday evening. January 20, with enormous success.

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OTICAGO TRIBUNE.

Make Miss White Star.

After the second act came the demonstration. It endured for ten curtain calls. One of these, by some mistake on the part of her French and Italian colleagues, Miss White was permitted to take alone. The tremendous burst of applianse which greeted her during the few moments when she was receiving the public's expressions of appreciation without assistance, left no doubt as to the source and inspiration of most of the enthusiasm. Miss White became a star in that moment, and the public, fully conscious of this fact, delighted to heap praise upon her.

CHICAGO INTER OCEAN.

CAROLINA WHITE SCORES TRIUMPH.

This is the bare skeleton of the music drama. Puccini has caught the spirit of its puppers most cleverly; in so far as music can suggest anything definite, this score suggests the untamed verve and rough melodrama of the theme. Naturally he could not put Mexican saddles, spurs, plug tobacco or "stud" poker into fitting tonal jargon. But the essence of the dramatic values, he has approximated well; it is the play of primitive passions, and while the Puccini score might be as accurate a translation of stone-age emotions, it is distinctly in keeping.

The honors of the occasion went fittingly to Carolina White, in the role of Minnie, and to Amadeo Bassi, the Johnson of the evening. This comparatively unknown singer has won for herself a high place among the members of the company for her exquisite use of a beautiful voice, and her creation of the role is a fitting climax to her labors of the season. She makes a strong bid for recognition as an actress also. Her Minnie of the first act was a winsome girl (within the rather curious limits prescribed by the librettist and the composer). Her singing of the love music of the second act, and her range of pantomime in the quick change from happy confidence in her lover to doubt of him, under the words of the sheriff, to conviction and to a striking, veracious burst of rage at the man who had deceived her; her impersonation of the soul-scaring woman who gambles for the life of a being dear to her, was of tragic intensity, and the wild abandon of her joy at the victory was spontancess. Carolina White is one of the

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However, if there was a sense of the drama being still in the balance, so far as real, genuine delight in it goes, this view was held by those present despite the fact that Miss White, as Minnie, vitalized everything that the drama demands of her as a singer and actress, and she not only declaimed the screaming recitative with fine effect, but in such meager lyrical numbers as the grudging composer has allotted to Minnie, few and far between, the singer was most captivating. Miss White's splendid Aida on Friday evening gave an carnest of what the might do with the role of "The Girl" last night. Her physical charms, a rare beauty of face and figure, added to one of the loveliest and unapoiled sopranos heard here in years, deliciously fresh and unworn and unmannered, with the vibrancy of youth in every tone and marked by musicianly the words, exacedingly gratifying abundance of the second act after her great card scene being particularly spontaneous and cordial.

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The fact is Miss White is an American girl, and has gotten at the heart of "The Girl," since whatever may be the insincerties of the text or the musical setting, she knows what the melodrama means nationally, and at the same time, her training having been wholly Italian, she quite understands that ahe is singing in an Italian music drama, written by an Italian who is the culmination of a long line of operatic composers, to most of whom the discussion raised by Puccini's opera would seem to be foolishness itself. At the same time her knowledge of America and of Italian music might not make her. Girl' the vital thing it is, were it not that was a fact of the proper of the proper of the proper of the proper of the pr

## ROME AND THE EXPOSITION IN 1911.

ALL ABOUT MUSIC.

Rome, January 6, 1911.
The musical program for the eight or ten months the exposition will last is being worked out in such a way as to produce the most interesting results possible. The Teatro Argentina soon begins its work of transformation to give the "Coronation of Poppea" by Monteverde, the first melodramatic composer. The reproduction of the first melodramatic composer. The reproduction of the Teatro Grimani, of Venice, and the orchestra in the costume of the time, playing the instruments of that epoch, will allow this exhumation to be as near the epoch as possible or at least give us the illusion of the time as ne as can be done now. At any rate all care is being taken to have things historically con ect. This exposition is to be one of the most interesting and it the same time original that has ever been held. All the fine arts are to have their special pavilions and music is to have the lion's share. Fes-tival Hall will not be the only place on the grounds where music will be given and illustrated talks regarding the tonal art by some of the best known lecturers will take place during the whole period of the exposition.

All the large orchestras of the world with their leaders have been invited to participate, and it is to be hoped that America, too, will send a representative body.

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While awaiting the opening of the exposition which is fixed for April 2, the Corea or Augusteo continues to give very interesting concerts.

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Michael Balling, one of our favorite leaders here, di-rected his last concert last night, January 5, with a repetition of Sunday's program as follows:

Overture, Flying Dutchman	Wagner
Thus Spoke Zarathustra	Strauss
Choral Fantasia	Beethoven
Te Deum	. Bruckner
Soli, Chorus, Orchestra,	

The first two pieces were loudly applauded, although the criticisms are rather adverse to Strauss but they recognize in him, notwithstanding, the king of all harmonizers. Adriano Ariani played the piano part beautifully in the Beethoven work, but there was not enough of it. The chorus was inadequate. The "Te Deum" is a powerful composition which the chorus sang with great energy and good shading, sustaining the screechy tessitura admirably. The soloists were weak.

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The picture on this page represents a small part of the Augusteo on an evening when the concert was under the patronage of their Majesties. They can be seen sitting in the center of their box. This concert was under their patronage.

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Count San Martino, president of the executive committee of the exposition, now is in Paris making the final arrangements for the representation of French.fine arts and French music. The French artists had entered some objection to exposing their works at the French pavilion, being afraid that they would not be safeguarded against fire if the buildings were to be wood and plaster structures, but the Count, with his insight into all things and his persuasive assurance, removed all doubts from the artists' minds, assuring them that there was no question of wood and plaster, but only of solid iron and stone. He has also calmed the belligerent French composers, persuading them to give their music during the exposition and even allowing a hearing of some new works.

Archeologically, historically, artistically, musically, this exposition of Rome will be without exception unique in its way for the interest it ought to, and no doubt will, awaken the world over. Thousands of people already have decided to change their plans for the summer and come to Rome, where all roads lead to.

The buildings on the exposition grounds are going up and are really artistic. How could it be otherwise in Rome? Beautiful restaurants will be scattered all over the grounds, and even in Piazza Colonna, the very center of Rome, a big building, all colonnades, is being erected, and is intended for a grand restaurant. The Victor Emanuel

monument will be finished by June next. The committee has absorbed the Teatro Adriano also and will probably give drama there, as the Costanzi is exclusively reserved for lyric performances. The first period under Mancinelli will be inaugurated on March 2 with "William Tell," with Rattistini as Tell

After January 15 there will be a halt in the concerts at the Augusteo.

#### MUSICAL STOCKHOLM.

STOCKNOLM, January 12, 1911.
At the subscription performance, December 28, the role of Lenski in "Eugen Onegin" was done by Arvid Odmann, who, in spite of his age (he is sixty), sang and acted Mr. Odmann, whose portrait was repro duced in THE MUSICAL COURIER last year, has suffered much from the grippe this autumn, otherwise he would have appeared several times ere now at the Opera.

On New Year's day "The Flying Dutchman" had its local première at the Opera. Miss Larsen, who essayed the role of Senta for the first time, gave a very good account of herself, her voice sounding more fresh and youthful

than ever before. Jarnefeldt conducted splendidly.

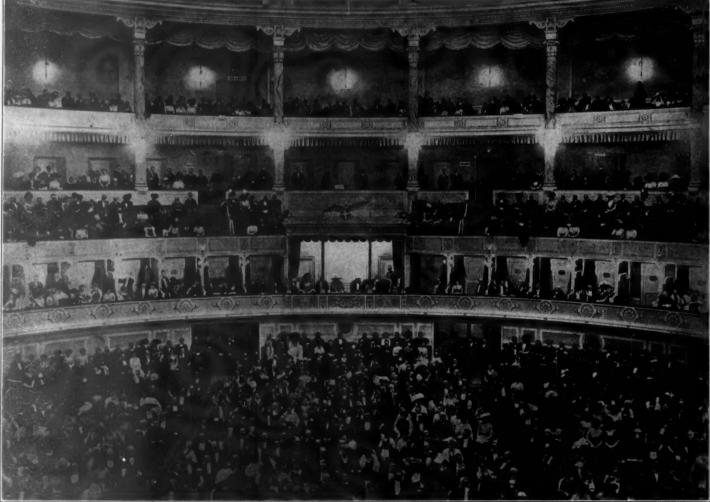
This week we had "Tosca" and "Susannen's Geheimniss," the last named together with "La fête chez Therèse," by Catulle Mendès, music by Reynaldo Hahn. In "Tosca" the cast included Mrs. Oscar, Mr. Forsell (Scarpia) and Mr. Kirchner (Cavaradossi), who all sang in Swedish. Under Conductor Tullio Voghera the artists and the orchestra gave the large audience a delightful treat.

The Wolf-Ferrari and Reynaldo Hahn operas also were appreciated by the press and the public. Signor Voghera conducted with his customary Italian fervor.

'Le Mariage de Télémaque," "Prophète" and the entire "Nibelungen Ring" will be the next programs at the Opera. . . .

# certain tenor who was to do Lohengrin here sang dreadfully out of tune at one of the rehearsals. When he was corrected by the conductor, the singer answered, to the astonishment of all: "I did not think it was necessary to sing in tune at Stockholm." This bright remark led to the

gentleman's quick departure for his own country, where he will have time to think matters over before he sings at some other opera house. L. UPLING.



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According to Leipsic custom since 1789, the New Year's Day was marked by a concert at the Gewandhaus. public rehearsal was given on the morning of December The last program, with Nikisch conducting, had the Liszt B-A-C-H organ fantaisie and fugue, played by Karl Straube; the coloratura aria from Mozart's "Entführung," sung by Margaret Siems, of the Dresden Opera; Paul Dukas' orchestral scherzo, "Zauberlehrling"; an aria from "Lucia di Lammermoor," and the Brahms fourth symphony. Both soloists are eminent in their respective work. Straube's registering in the fantaisie and fugue was of so great variety as to seem orchestral. Miss Siems has a coloratura voice of great volume, so that it is found almost out of place for the fine lines of Mozart and Doni-The Brahms symphony was an unusual delight in the great spirit Nikisch has for this composer. The Dukas rzo was warmly welcomed, as it was entitled to be. It is of the best type of program music, maintaining a comcarried out in wholly legitimate composing, while undertaking to arouse a stated list of

N N N The sixth Philharmonic concert under Hans Winderstein brought the Handel C major concerto grosso, the Sextus aria from Mozart's "Titus," sung by Margarete Preuse Matzenauer, of the Munich Opera, the Beethoven fifth symphony, the Adriano aria from "Rienzi," Grieg lyric orchestral suite, op. 54, and Brahms' songs with piano, including the "Sapphic Ode," "Immer leiser" and "Von Ewiger Liebe," Amadeus Nestler accompanying. The symphony was given in very enjoyable manner, and the soloist gave pleasure with a voice of great volume and fine ity. The Grieg four movement suite, with subtitles of pherd Boy," "Norwegian Peasant Dance," "Notturno" "Procession of Dwarfs," is weaker than the same 'Shepherd Boy," The first movement is hardly more than a cavatina and is by several points the weakest of the The third movement is stronger than the first, but less valuable than the second and fourth. Through various characteristics the typical Scandinavian music shows relation to the typical Russian.

Violinist Jacoba Schumm, of Holland, gave a recital and had the assistance of Alberto Jonas as soloist in two groups of piano pieces. The violin numbers were the Godard romantic and Saint-Saëns' A major concertos, and pieces by Wieniawski, Sarasate and Drdla. The violinist is musical, but her technic is so unsure as to fail absolutely in Mr. Jonas saved the concert by beautiful playing of the E major and G flat major etudes by Chopin, Rubinstein A minor barcarolle, a Moszkowski etude, a suite, op. 26, by Paul Ertel, the Gluck-Saint-Saëns "Alceste" caprice and the Paganini-Liszt "Campanella." The Ertel suite comprises a prelude, an air scherzo fan-tastique and passacaglia. The music has interesting ma-

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terial and is well written. Mr. Jonas was called repeatedly and played another selection.

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A new piano trio, the G minor, op. 10, by the American aposer, Mortimer Wilson, was recently heard at Mr. Wilson's home in Leipsic. Only the first three movements ompleted at that time. There is reason to believe that Mr. Wilson will soon establish his identity as one of the most talented, most prolific and best skilled of the native born American musicians. The new piano trio is en in utmost stability, yet maintains pronounced lyric quality, somewhat heavier than Mendelssohn and nearer Brahms. It proceeds in unusually steady inspiration and is in every respect music of a fine type. The composer has recently completed a series of miniature piano fantastic children's subjects, such as a "Funeral March for a Calico Cat," "Dance of the Negro Dolls," "Teddy Bear's Cradle Song" and "An Esquimau Queen of the May." His works also include twenty song settings of "Mother Goose" and other children's rhymes. These are composed in ex-treme character and highly valuable quality as music so that they should come into national use. A "Country Wedding Suite," op. 2, composed six years ago for large orchestra, will soon be given a public hearing in Leipsic. The composer's other works include a symphonic suite, op 1, played in Russia and by Mr. Stock, at Lincoln, Neb.,

lowsky), recitative and aria from "Figaro's Hochzeit" (Fräulein Küstner), the eighth Schumann piano novellette (Fräulein Asche), and Mendelssohn G minor piano con-certo with orchestra, played by Fräulein Smith. The seccerto with orchestra, played by Fraulein Smith. ond program had the Grieg F major piano and violin sonata (Fräuleins Vetter and Nora Klengel), Vieuxtemps' F sharp minor violin concerto with piano (Herr Weckauf), the Löwe ballade "Die Uhr" (Herr Wagner), adagio and rondo from first Vieuxtemps violin concerto (Herr Babst), and the Georg Schumann F major piano trio (Herren Gotscher, Schwarz and Roser). The third program comprised a movement from the Mozart E flat piano concerto with orchestra (Fraulein Junker), a Bach passacaglia set for two pianos by Herrmann Keller (a pupil of the conservatory), and played by Herr Fischhaut and Herr Keller, a Spohr violin adagio and Wieniawski mazurka (Nora Klengel), the Weber piano concertstück with orchestra (Fräulein Lichtenberg) and "Bübchen's Weihnachtstraum," a Christmas scene by Humperdinck, written for declamation and voices, the solos sung by Frauleins Hilarius, Carloforti, Settegast, Adam and Steinbrück, declamation by Fräulein Küstner. The fourth program included a Rheinberger overture for violin and organ (Geistfeld and Näscher), a movement from the Dussek G minor piano concerto with orchestra (Fräulein Winter), a Doppler wiegenlied and mazurka for flute (Scheffel), a movement from the Mozart A major piano concerto with orchestra (Fräulein Liebmann), a viola concertstück by L. Firkat (Sobierajski), the Grieg G major piano and violin sonata (Hoyer and Bothe) and a movement from the Beethoven C major piano concerto with orchestra, played by Herr Becher.

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books of songs and pieces for piano solo, a D minor piano trio, a G major duo, op. 8, for piano and violin, and an unfinished violin concerto, besides upward of a hundred marches now no longer claimed, but written years ago for large military bands. After the symphonic suite was played by the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, Mr. Wilson scored it also for military band, and it was then given in Lincoln by Mr. Innes.

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.The annual piano recital by Arthur Reinhold, of Leipsic, brought the Bach C minor fantaisie, the Joh. Christoph Friedrich Bach G major allegro with variations; the Beethoven G major rondo and "Les Adieux" sonata, a suite by Walter Niemann, two Schubert impromptus and the Weber-Tausig "Invitation to the Dance." The artist among one of the most interesting of the Leipsic resident pianists, since he plays with much intensity and a wide range of purely pianistic effects. The Niemann suite, which could not be heard for this report, is said to be an interesting work, its movements bearing titles of preludium, sarabande, gavotte, air and rigaudon. Dr. Neimann is first critic on the Leipsic Neueste Nachrichten.

December programs by students at the Leipsic Con servatory were four in number. The first included a Handel andante, Mehul gavotte and Mozart minuet, played on the flute by Mr. Kurth, of Boston, the Schumann variations for two pianos (Fräuleins Schuch and Eichler), D minor piano concerto with orchestra (Fräulein Bray-

At an all afternoon and evening Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Carl Alves eleven of her pupils sang for the company, her son, Waldemar Alves, played violin numbers and Elmer G. Zoller, of Pittsburgh, played piano numbers. The singers and their offerings were Katherine Innes, of Scotland, Foote's "I'm Wearin' Awa"; Mathilda Lange, of New York, Henschel's "Viele Träume"; Genevieve Peck, of Boise City, Idaho, Grieg's "Solvejg's Lied" and Wolf's "Vcrborgenheit"; Mrs. Lehre Dantzler, of Dallas, Texas, "The Lord Is Mindful," by Mendelssohn, and Schubert's "Aufenthalt"; Mary Tiltman, of London, Schubert's "Wanderer Nachtlied" and Cornelius' "Drei Könige"; Viola Abrams, of Chapelton, Jamaica, a Dalila aria, by Saint-Saëns, and Hummell's "Halleluja"; John Siefert, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Handel's "Waft Her, Angels," Liszt's "Wieder möchte ich dir begegnen"; Molly Angels," Liszt's "Wieder möchte ich dir begegnen"; Molly B. Wilson, of Los Angeles, a "Nadeschda" aria, by Goring Thomas, and Robert Franz's "Im Herbst"; John Whyte, of Watertown, Wis., Bohm's "Still wie die Nacht" and Schumann's "Two Grenadiers"; Marie Heisler, of New York, the Brahms "Liebestreu" and "Vergebliches Ständchen"; Elsa Alves, of Leipsic, Hugo Wolf's "Und willst du deinen Liebsten sterben sehen" and "Mausfallsprüchlein." Mr. Siefert further sang an aria from Boheme" and Miss Abrams and Miss Alves sang the duet from the second act of "Lohengrin." Mr. Alves played a romanza by Prochaska and Bruno Oscar Klein's "In den Gefilden der Seligen." Mr. Zoller played a Chopin prelude and a Grieg nocturne. A number of these beautiful voices were heard and reported on a similar occasion a year ago. The recent singing showed growth and progress every case, besides a number of valuable new Miss Heisler had recently sung in Belgium with every sign of artistic and material success, Miss Alves has repeatedly appeared in public within the last two months and nearly all have been occasionally heard here, as church singers in solo and quartet. Of the new voices, that o Mr. Siefert is a useful and agreeable tenor, Mr. Whyte's is a basso cantante of fine material, Miss Tiltman's a soprano of beautiful quality and Miss Innes also a prano promising great volume and fine quality.

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Mr. Zoller played his selections in fine taste and Mr. Alves showed very



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gain for the year both in musical intensity and in the general treatment of the violin. He had spent some months in Vienna and Pisek, Bohemia, under Sevcik. Mr. Alves and Mr. Zoller sailed for New York from Liverpool, December 29. They are now located in Pittsburgh as soloists and teachers. teachers in their respective

A recent St. Petersburg program of contemporary compositions included the cello and piano sonata, op. 37, by F. Akimenko, a work string orchestra by Maurice Ravel, played by Mr. and Madame Myes-tyetchkin and MM. Lednik

and Rosenstein, a piano menuet antique by Ravel and two ctudes by Debussy, Ravel's two Greek songs, "Quel galant" and "La bas vers l'eglise," and Dukas' "Deux rondels"; two songs by the young Russian, N. Myakowsky, and three piano etudes by S. Prokolfyeff.

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#### Bispham to Sing in Mendelssohn Hall.

David Bispham, the celebrated American baritone, will sing at the concert in Mendelssohn Hall, Saturday even-

First Concerto (Interlude and Variations)
Mary Reno Pinney.
Commit Thy Ways (St. Matthew Passion)Bach
With organ.
Dem Unendlichen (To the Eternal One)Schubert
With organ and piano.
David Bispham.
GavotteGluck-Brahms
Chant Polonaise
Etincelles
Miss Pinney.
Dichterliebe (Poet's Love)Schumann
Mr. Bispham.
BerceuseFaulke
Concert OvertureFaulke
Miss Pinney.

Rachmaninoff played his second piano concerto not long ago at Königsberg.

# Adele Kruger, an American Trained Singer.

Adele Krüger, the dramatic soprano, who gave the first of two recitals in Mendelssohn Hall, Thursday evening of last week, is an American trained singer of German birth. Madame Krüger has studied in New York with the late Anna Lankow, Mr. and Mrs. The dore Toedt and Charles Norman Granville Her voice is a genuine dramatic so-prano which has been artistically schooled by the resident teachers. The singer was born in Dusseldorf on the Rhine, but came to this country as a young girl. She received the foundations of a thorough education in her native city, and being an intelligent student was developed into an artist for whom a career on the concert stage is pre-

Madame Krüger is an accomplished linguist. She sings equally well in English, German, French and Italian. Because of the extraordinary range of her voice, her lower tones sometimes lead listeners to think that she 's a mezzo soprano, but she is what she is advertised to be, a dramatic soprano, singing arias, lieder and songs of three centuries by composers of the different schools.

Many persons prominent in the artistic world are interested in launching Madame Krüger on her career as a concert artist. She will give her second recital in Mendels-sohn Hall, Tuesday afternoon, February 21, w'.en Adolphe Borchard, the French pianist, will unite in the program. For this date Madame Krüger will sing only English and French songs and arias. Her repertory includes many beautiful and novel compositions. Those who heard Madame Krüger last week were impressed by her sincerity as well as her artistic equipment,

Like all young singers, Madame Krüger will gain with experience, and when she has that valuable possession she will surely be counted with artists who have something worth while to offer their public.

#### Charity Concert at Mrs. Vanderbilt's Home.

Maud Morgan will give a harp concert at the residence of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, 660 Fifth avenue, Thursday afternoon, February 2, for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal City Mission Society. Ben Greet, the English actor, and William C. Carl, the distinguished American organist, and a number of young harpists will assist Miss Morgan in the following program: Duo, harp and organ—Loreley..................................Oberthur
Miss Morgan and Mr. Carl.

Solo harp—
Petite Berceuse
Taliaferro Ford.
Believe Me If All
Minuet
Solo harp—Minstrel's Lament (Welsh)
Solo harp-
Coulin (Irish)Cheshire
Chansons Sans Paroles
Eleanor Morgan Neely.
Solo harp-
A Fairy Legend
Mazurka Edmund Schuecker Miss Morgan.
Duo, organ and harp-Legende (op. 122)Frances Thome
Miss Morgan and Mr. Carl.
Reading-Excerpts from Shakespeare, with harp.

Tickets for this concert cost \$5.

## Ex-Senator Roelker Was Interested in Music.

William Greene Roelker, who in the year 1905 was a United States Senator from Rhode Island, died at his home, 18 East Seventy-seventh street, New York, Tues-

day, January 24, in his fifty-eighth year. Mr. Roelker was a director in several prominent financial institutions and was closely associated with some of the leading financiers of the country. He was interested in music, and is related through marriage to Philippe Coudert, the baritone, who resides in Paris. The widow of the deceased who survives him is a member of the Coudert family, long prominent in New York society. The late Mr. Roelker had been in failing health for some months. Death, it is reported. was due to apoplexy.

#### Russian Symphony Program.

The fourth concert of the Russian Symphony Orchestra, Modest Altschuler, conductor, will be given Thursday evening, February 2, in Carnegie Hall. The management will offer as soloist the young Canadian violinist, Kathleen Parlow, who is to play the Wieniawski D minor concerto for violin. The opening number on the program, the Kayange Finnish phaseody, has paged before been played in anus Finnish rhapsody, has never before been played in America. The program follows:

The Cliff Rachmaninoff
Concerto for violin, D minor. Wieniawski
Symphony in F minor, No. 4. Tschaikowsky

This will be Miss Parlow's second appearance at these concerts this season.

#### Good Results at Fellows Choir Agency.

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The Sunday orchestral concerts this week were mostly consecrated to works of some great dead musician. Conservatoire, under direction of André Messager, made some exceptions. There the program included among other compositions the C minor symphony of Beethoven and the E minor concerto of Chopin for piano. Ernest Schelling, the famous American pianist, selected by Paderewski to replace him on the occasion of the Chopin centenary celebration at Lemberg, the capital of Poland, was yesterday's soloist at the Conservatoire concert and carried off a triumph. Schelling played with a marvelously clean technic—as he always does—considerable abandon and with great poetic charm. During this and next week our gifted compatriot will be heard in two recitals in the Salle The program of the first concert will be formed of miscellaneous authors, while the second recital will be devoted entirely to compositions of Chopin.

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At the Châtelet, the Colonne concert under the direction of Gabriel Pierné offered an interesting program which included "La Mort d'Iseult" from Wagner's "Tristan et Iseult" admirably sung by Eva Grippon; the "Symphonic Fantastique" of Berlioz, and the remaining numbers were by Liszt. The present year is the centenary of Liszt's birth; the great Hungarian musician being born October birth; the great Hungarian musican being born October 22, 1811, it is fitting he should be fêted through the preceding months. The symphonic poem, "Ce qu' on entend sur la montagne," M. Pierné, and his orchestra translated with appropriate touching sentiment; the "Mephisto Walzer," one of Liszt's most characteristic pages, was given with striking success. The concerto in E flat for piano, as performed by Theodor Szanto, won great applause.

The Lamoureux concert program, under Camille Chevillard, was almost entirely Schumann's music. Pablo Casals played the concerto for violoncello in brilliant fashion, Be side the overture to "Manfred" the Fourth Symphony, and "Antar" the musical fairy scene, by Rinsky-Korsakoff was admirably given by the orchestra.

Saturday afternoon at the Opéra Comique Henry Expert gave a short lecture in which he touched upon the quarrel between the "Piccinistes" and the "Gluckistes." In continuation of the chronological auditions fragments Gluck Piccini and Sacchini were given. Madame Nicot-Vauchelet must be noted in airs from Gluck and

Sacchini; M. Conlomb and Mile. Charbonnel in the air of "la Femme médecin" from Gluck

Mlle. Stichel, mistress of the Opéra ballet, has just raised an interesting point in law. She maintains t'at the mistress of the ballet, who puts it on the stage, is a collaborator with the authors of the ballet. On these grounds Mile Stichel claims from Catulle Mendès and Reynaldo Hahn (librettist and composer respectively), the third of the authors' rights for "La Fête chez Thérèse" and the mention of her name on the book of words and the notices. Henri Robert and Maurice Bernard pleaded this new and curious point of law in the third Chambre du Tribunal. Judgment was deferred for a week.

The Quatuor Lejeune is giving at the Salle Pleyel a series of historical quartet evenings. That of last week was devoted to the Bohemian or Tchèque school when the program comprised instrumental and vocal compositions of Zd. Fibich, J. L. Dussek, Jos. Suk and Dvorák (quartet in F, op. 96). As music the opening quartet of Fibich (op. 8), was perhaps the weakest—being a mixture of ideas Hungarian, Wagnerian, Bohemian.

On Tuesday last Regina de Sales gave a musical reception at her home-studio in the Rue de Villeiust, which, as usual, was well attended. Madame de Sales delighted her audience with a number of well chosen and beautifully



HOTTE," WITH MM. MARCOUX A AS THE HERO AND HIS SQUIRE. AND FUGERE "DON QUICHOTTE." (Paris Figaro.)

delivered songs. Antonio Sala was heard to advantage in several soli for the cello accompanied at the piano by Archibald Sessions (organist of the American Church). In addition to the formal program the Maori chief Ranginia (from New Zealand), gave a talk about his people and their love of music. He then sang in admirable manner several of his native melodies. "The Mother Song" (word's by his mother), and composed by himself, and The Echo Song," in which tribal calls are cleverly intro duced, are already well known and favorite songs in Paris musical salons. Among those present were Mrs. Frank H. Mason, Mrs. Chauncy Blair, Madame Loriano, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. John R. Bennett, Mrs. C. Herbine, Mrs. H. R. Griffin, Mrs. Spaulding, Mr. Holman-Black, Mr. Stoiber, Kathleen Lockhart, M. Priad.

. . . Mr. and Mrs. Eugène Ullman gave a delightful program of music and reception at their atelier-home in the Quai Malaquais to meet the Infanta Eulalia—who is known for

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her great love of the divine art, Marcia Van Dresser and Thuel Burnham sang and played admirably and were overwhelmed with applause. Mr. Burnham, whose excellent piano playing is well appreciated here, has become a great favorite this season. Miss Van Dresser is rather a newcomer, but she is sure to win and hold her own very soon; she is a beautiful singer, whose singing is beautiful.

The program follows:

ImpromptuSchuber
Marche MilitaireSchubert
Mr. Burnham.
Der EngelWagner
SchmerzenWagner
Traume
Miss Van Dresser.
Silver Spring
Polonaise
Mr. Burnham.
Ein Ton
Untreu
Komm wir WandelnCornelius
Miss Van Dresser.

Among the guests w're: Princesse Murat, Mrs. Frank H. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mason, Baronne de Wardener, Baron de Fréedericksz, Ranginia, the Maori chief; Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding, Gertrude Stein, Miss Hess, Madame Francesco Lamperti, Giulia Valda, Aiss McKindley, Miss Norman, Madame E. Stern, Mrs. Somerville Story, Miss Haywood, Madame le Gallienne, Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Cravens, Mr. Holman-Black, Charles Foerster, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Collins, Miss Bowie, Mr. Delma-Heide.

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At the Students' Atelier Reunion last evening Grace Ehrlich was the pianist and Eloise Baylor the singer. Before coming to Paris Miss Ehrlich studied with the late E. A. MacDowell in America and it is perhaps for that reason that she has succeeded so well here in presenting the American musician's works. Her selections last evening were Beethoven's sonata, op. 27; the sixth prelude and a scherzo by Chopin, which she interpreted with her customary success. Miss Baylor, whose beautiful voice always gives pleasure, was heard in songs of Delibes, Harriet Ware, Haesche and "Voce di Primavera" of J. Strauss.

. . A most enjoyable program of music was that of Thursday evening arranged by the International Musical Union at the Student Hostel in the Boulevard St. Michel. The vocalist was Mme. Auguez de Montalant, singing from Gatteio and Saint-Saëns; MM. César and Alberto Geloso played the Cesar Franck sonata for piano and violin in most de-lightful manner, after which each was heard in various solo numbers. Mrs. William J. Younger is meeting with much success in her management of the Union's affairs; her programs are always attractive and interesting

DELMA-HEIDE

Nellie Widman Blow, a prominent San Francisco contralto, gave a concert before the Saturday Club of Sacra mento, Cal., with great success during the latter part of

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After a cessation of concerts for the holidays this week is crowded with good things. Sunday saw the fifth Philharmonic concert directed by Felix Weingartner. The program was Mendelssohn's "Fingal's Cave" overture, Brückner's E major symphony and Beethoven's overture to "Leonore," No. 3. Monday evening the Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Weingartner, gave another concert under the auspices of the Vienna Mozart Club, at which Bronislaw Hubermann, the violinist, assisted. The same evening Emil Sauer and Joseph Lhevinne also gave concerts in different halls.

The house was sold out for the Bronislaw Hubermann concert last week, for every one was desirous of hearing this talented violinist for perhaps the last time for a few years, as he has signed a contract to give one hundred con-certs in Russia, and then follows his long American tour. His program was Brahms' A major sonata, Saint-Saëns' concerto, op. 20, and Paganini's "Hexentanz," all accompanied by Poldi Spielmann, and Bach's chaconne for violin alone. Hubermann played well and met with suc-

ess. Research the players if one noted any lack of sympathy between the players in the sonata evening of Leopold Godowsky and Jenö Kerpély, cello, it was because there had been no time for a rehearsal together. Godowsky rushed home for a half day from a concert tour, gave several lessons to waiting pupils and then played the exacting program in the evening, Brahms' sonata in F, Beethoven's sonata in A and Saint-Saëns' sonata in C minor. Kerpély is a Hungarian who has studied in Budapest and shows fine, clean technic and excellent phrasing. He was hampered by an inferior in-

Helen Ware, of Philadelphia, played the Bruch D minor concerto in a concert with local artists last week.

Under the Rosé management Siegfried Wagner will orduct the rose management Signited Wagner will conduct the orchestra in the following program next week:
Beethoven's eighth symphony, Liszt's "Les Préludes," Wagner's "Siegfried" "Idyll" and "Tannhäuser" overture.

Joseph Lhevinne will assist the Prill String Quartet in their Brahms concert this evening. . .

Weingartner is at present engaged in the composition of an opera, for which no title is as yet selected, and is also working on a symphonic poem.

Richard von Perger, composer and secretary or the Society of Friends of Music, died here recently.

## Flonzaley Quartet Scores Notable Triumph.

The scene at the second concert this season by the Flonzaley Quartet in Mendelssohn Hall, on Tuesday evening of last week, was unprecedented-at least within the experience of the writer. Long before the time for beginning the hall was filled. At 8.30 the crush at the doors was so great that the office and reception room had to be thrown open and chairs brought in. Those who were not fortu-nate in securing seats had to be content with a standee.

When the players appeared there was vociferous applause -then immediate quietude. These four musicians have ingratiated themselves into the hearts and minds of the New York music lovers, through their ability to present a quality of quartet playing never before heard in this country. There is something unique in the manner of their interpre-tation, in the witchery of their nuances, in the grandeur of their climaxes, and in the perfection of balance, tone, delivery and unanimity. One knows not whether to admire most their technical skill or their interpretative ability. Yet it is this combination, the perfect blending of the two, that enables the Flonzaley Quartet to give a performance

FLONZALEY QUARTET.

which electrifies, thrills and sends one home in exuberant

The program was, as usual, fashioned with that supreme knowledge of the fitness of things characteristic of this Quartet. The opening quartet was that in G minor (op. 74. No. 3), by Haydn. If there be a greater combination than the Flonzaleys and a Haydn quartet it must exist in some other sphere. A faultless rendition of this lovely work evoked a tremendous demonstration and the Quartet members were recalled many times. The !ovely largo assai was particularly ethereal.

By way of interlude the adagio from Em. Moor's A major quartet (op. 59) was played for the first time, and Hugo Wolf's "Italienische Serenade." The former was ultra-modern, and interesting only on account of the superlative performance it received. The latter had more inspiration in it, but it is not a great composition. It is strange how these moderns have so obviously overlooked the province of the string quartet. The greatest composers for this combination of instruments (Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven) never transgressed the ratural bounds of that province, therefore they left to posterity the most beautiful heritages in this field. The moderns try to do the impossi-

ble; they try to make the string quartet voice orchestral effects; they endeavor to improve upon their predecessors— but their efforts are futile. There can be no improvement

Beethoven's great F major quartet (op. 59, No. 1) brought the concert to a brilliant close. This quartet, the first of the Rasumovski quartets, belongs to the master's second period—the period of his greatest f rtility—and shows him at his best. He has, in this quartet, traversed the entire gamut of the powers of the string quartet. Only the greatest dare attack this F major gi...t. It tests the greatest dare attack this F major gi..nt. skill and musicianship of a quartet probably as do few others. The Flonzaleys added to their reputation by their faultless performance, and received just recompense in tumultuous

What is the secret of these men? Simply that they are born quartet players and focus their entire attention upon quartet playing.

#### Recital by Sara Anderson.

At the studios of Baernstein-Regneas last Thursday afternoon, January 26, Sara Anderson gave a song recital, interpreting the following program:

Ich kann's nicht fassen, nicht glauben.
Du Ring an meinem Finger.
Süsser Freund.
An meinem Hertzen, an meine Brust.
Nun hast du mir den ersten Schmerz gethan.
Iammy's Lullaby
Russian Cradle Song.
Mother's Song.
es Larmes (Werther). Le Soir

From the Land of the Sky Blue Water....

When Spring Comes Laughing...

Love Song

The spacious studios were filled with appreciative listen ers, who enjoyed thoroughly the fine art and beautiful voice of the singer. Madame Anderson has a superb stage presence, a gracious manner and a charming personality. Her method of presenting a song touches the perfection mark; her voice is a fine soprano of lovely quality and her diction a model for any singer.

It seems almost paradoxical that an American should be able to gain such a mastery over the French and German languages, and, furthermore, Madame Anderson has learned the great fundamental secret of vocal enunciation-the proper use of the lips, teeth and tongue, and, as a result, the words and the tones issue forth unimpeded by the usual obstacles resulting from faulty tone and word formation. Her interpretative powers are large and broad, and she differentiates nicely between the various moods of a song or of several songs. Naturally the most enjoyable of her offerings was the Schumann cycle of which she of her offerings was the Schulmann cycle of which she gave a splendid rendition. Especially captivating were "Er, der herrlichste von allen" and "Süsser Freund." Of the other numbers Essipoff's "Cradle Song," Massenet's "Les Larmes" and Elegie, and Thomas' "Le Soir" gave the inger opportunity to set forth her richest gifts.

#### Isabella Beaton's Pupils Engaged for Concerts.

Isabella Beaton, the pianist, of Cleveland, Ohio, has a umber of her pupils playing in concerts. Among those ho have appeared with success are Vera Travers and Margaret B. Crary. In addition to her teaching and com-posing, Miss Beaton is accepting engagements. Owing to the recent holidays, she was booked for a recital in New Wilmington, Pa. A spring tour in the West has also been closed for Miss Beaton.

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#### "Universal Edition," Vienna, Leipsic.

THIO FOR PIANO, VIOLIN AND CELLO, BY ERICH W. KORN-OLD, OP. I.

E. W. Korngold, the composer of this trio, was born, as a footnote informs us, May 29, 1897. The trio was finished in April, 1910, shortly before he had reached the ripe age If we had not seen this footnote we should have said that the work was the product of a youth, or at least of an inexperienced writer, by reason of the fragmentary nature of the themes, the sudden emotional outbursts and their equally sudden endings, the extravagant employment of odd harmonies in the manner of a young writer using strange words because of their novelty to him, and the lack of smoothness in the contrapuntal writing W. Korngold cares not what notes clash and jang when he sets his themes a-marching up and down. He cannot marshal a host of themes at once as Bach does, with the smoothness and precision of a German army corps in evolutionary drill. His thematic handling is like a ball scrimmage, wherein many a harmony gets a broken arm and many a counterpoint a black eye. He has not yet "found himself," but may have an unsuspected talent in other branches of music. Handel wrote an interminable umber of Italian operas before he found in early old age that his strength lay in English oratorio. Wagner wrote a sonata and a symphony before he discovered that his genius was dramatic. Korngold at the age of thirteen has published 'a long and difficult trio, which may be the precursor of oper tas as melodious as Sullivan, of symphonies as sombre as Brahms, of operas as poetically romantic as Humperdinck. Who knows? There are great possibilities in a boy who can produce a trio at the age of twelve. We are certain, however, that if young Korngold does nothing better than this trio he will never rank as a great composer. For his work lacks not only beauty, but also the strength which sometimes makes great works live in spite of an absence of sensuous charm

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TRIO FOR PIANO, VIOLIN AND CELLO, ON CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR THE YOUNG. BY FRIEDRICH SEITZ.

We can conceive of no happier method of teaching musical form to young performers than that followed by Seitz in this little trio. For the themes which he has used in constructing these movements in classical form are Christmas songs that are familiar to every German child Now the difficulty which even the most experienced musician has when first hearing a symphonic membering the themes sufficiently well to be able to grasp the formal structure of the work. This difficulty is entirely removed when the themes are already known. Hence the young student will be able at once to grasp the form and structure of this trio, and having once got the idea of form fixed in his head will be able to pass to the trios, sonatas, symphonies, quartets of the great masters with comparaeven though the themes are unfamiliar. Technically this trio is within the reach of any kind of a

#### Oliver Ditson Company, Boston.

CLASSICS FOR VIOLIN, Vol. II.

It is too late in the day now to utter praise or condomination for the pieces in this collection. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Grieg, Handel, Haydn, Saint-Saëns, Schubert, Bach, Beetho-Schunann, Wagner, are the more important names on the index page. What more need we say? Yet it is worth while adding that the works are well fingered, bowed, and beautifully printed.

#### White-Smith Music Publishing Company, Boston, New York, Chicago.

A CATECHISM OF HARMONY. BY GEORGE FOSS SCHWARTZ.

This little work is of the utility class. It asks and an-wers a number of questions about music. We can do no better than to give the preface exactly as it stands.

The study of harmony should proceed in a threefold manner: didactically, analytically and constructively; that is, the student should first acquire a comprehension of the terminology and a practical knowledge of the working principles of harmony. Secondly, an extensive and comprehensive acquaintance should be made, through study of the writings of the best composers, of the application of these principles. And finally, a mastery of the technic of harmony should be acquired.

The purpose of the following pages is to provide the intormation requisite to a thorough understanding of the didactics of harmony. The plan is to make a clear and concise statement of this information, in logical arrangement, and unencumbered by superfluous illustration.

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"CLARA NOVELLO'S REMINISCENCES."

Some autobiographical works are interesting because the trivial events in the life of the great author, while others are interesting because of great events and famous characters with which the obscure author was associated. We can hardly call Clara Novello either a great author or an important personage in history. Charming she undoubtedly was, and a well known singer in her day. the interest in her "Reminiscences" lies wholly in what she tells us of her intercourse with Lamb, Shelley, Keats. Hunt, Spontini, Rossini, Weber, Paganini, Mendelssohn, Schumann and many others famous in society, litera-A good idea of Clara Novello's style can be had from her description of Liszt:

"Liszt was at this time in Milan; a poseur by nature, he was almost driven to eccentricities by the frenzies of women over him, some of whom absolutely pursued him, nay, ran him down. At Vienna, as elsewhere, when he broke the strings of the piano during concerts, the women rushed on to the platform to seize them and have bracelets made of them; and when he left Vienna, fifteen or twenty carriagefuls of these cracked creatures pursued him as far as the first station, where change of post-horses took

And so the babbling brook of small talk flows on its shining way. The brook does not instruct, but it amuses.

#### LOS ANGELES MUSIC.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan

The appalling difference between clumsy efforts of boresome mediocrity and the lofty emanation of an artist kindled by sacred fire, was put to a great evidence through the magnificent song recital given by the renowned contralto, Gerville-Reache, who made a deep and everlasting impression on the Los Angeles musical community. The program contained mostly selections from modern French composers, including Saint-Saëns, Massenet, Chaminade and Debussy, and as an exponent of the French school she is superb.

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newly organized Brahms Quintet gave last evening its initial performance before a large audience. Its active members are: Ralph Wylie, first violin; Adolph Tandler, second violin; Rudolph Kopp, viola; Alex. Simonsen, violoncello; Homer Grunn, pianist. From the very first bars of the Grieg string quartet in G minor, the listeners understood the musical worth of the new organization. Also the execution of the Schumann piano quintet was the means to inspire full confidence. It is now to be hoped that the Los Angeles musical world will prove its seriousness and artistic inclination by encouraging and patronizing the sincere effort of such an organization. Of course, quartet playing requires a great amount of severe rehearsals be fore reaching absolute amalgamation of sound, perfect balancing of all dynamics leading to the concordant conception of esthetic sentiment as if transfused in one single This is the supreme goal of the new organization. R R R

An interesting violin recital was given by Mary Goodrich Read, a graduate student of Arnold Krauss' violin school. Her program consisted of concerto in A major by Mozart, concerto in D minor by Wieniawski, gartenmelodie, Schumann; canzonetta, d'Ambrosio; mazurka, Zarzycki, and rondo capriccioso, Saint-Saëns. A remarkable program, in-

deed, which showed the good qualities of the young performer. . . .

Members of the Ruskin Art Club were honored guests at a musicale given by Mrs. E. M. Ross, at her stately home on Vermont and Wilshire boulevard. A splendid feature of the residence is the great pipe organ. Mrs. Ross is extremely fond of music and gratifies her taste by having her own organist, William Strobridge, who twice weekly entertains with musicales to which the lady invites her musical friends. May the example be followed other millionaires

The Fidelia Männerchor, one of the oldest and best known German singing societies of this city, celebrated its tenth anniversary with a concert. A program consisting of à capella songs and orchestral selections and two operettas, "The Testing of the Wine," and "A Rehearsal at Bummelsdorf," were effectively given under the direction of Siegfried C. Hagen. R. LUCCHESI.

#### Mr. Finck Please Note.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, January 23, 1911. To The Musical Courier:

Henry T. Finck's "Songs and Song Writers" is responsible for this communication. Its recent perusal has convinced me that it is rich, rare and racy, also recherche. In a prefatory announcement Finck declares it a sample of "free thought" criticism. Why not have labeled it then "Finck's Thinks?" It would have required some then "Finck's Thinks?" It would have required some poetic fancy and license to have done so, but think of its euphony. Finck declares that his estimate of the songs result of a personal application of his ten digits to the piano keyboard-in other words, he took them home and tried them on the piano. Thus does Henry admit that he plays the piano-but how?

question is probably answered by his condemna tion of the Brahms output, Poor Brahms! The ques tion then arises who played the songs of Grieg, Schu mann, Schubert and others which he put his oracular seal upon? Surely not Henry T. And, mirabile dictu, these latter songs made him see stars-that is, he marked many them, a la Baedeker, with two stars. A constellation of approval. But let us not be precipitate. Finck in his "Thinks" admits his versatility as a player. He confesses that at the insouciant age of fifteen he played with his dog Bruno in the wilds of Oregon (see footnote page 86). While upon one occasion, working up his canine technic, he heard his brother sing Schubert's "Winter Journey," and was so affected that he buried his face in Bruno's "fur" and wept.

Now was it the emotional appeal of the songs or Bruno's fleas that excited his lachrymal glands to exuda-Another instance of Henry's versatility is chron-a footnote on page 238. He was playing his icled in a footnote on page 238. brother's setting of one of Longfellow's poems when the poet entered the sacred precincts and said that the song was the best he had ever heard. He made no complimentary mention of Henry's playing that is recorded. The footnote with charming naivete-and an eye to businessalso states that the brother's song is published by Ditson

I mention these subtle excerpts from "Finck's Thinks" to illustrate the unusual trend of "free thought" criticism. Had Henry been unable to have played the songs he rescued from oblivion upon the piano what would have been his opinion of them? Such a catastrophe is too horrible to contemplate. WILSON G. SMITH.

#### Riheldaffer in Cadman Testimonial.

Grace Hall-Riheldaffer, the soprano, appeared at the testimonial concert tendered Charles Wakefield Cadman in Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, December 22, at which Alice Nielsen, of the Boston Opera Company, appeared. Her principal number, given with artistic precision and brilliant sweetness, was "Welcome, Sweet Wind," a bravura air from Mr. Cadman's new song cycle "The Morning of the Year," which displayed to advantage her clarity of tone and easy mastery of vocal technic. She sang also a dainty lyric dedicated to herself, "The Geranium Bloom," investing the song with an exquisite delicacy and lightness Her encore number, "A Twilight Song," a fairylike lullaby, revealed a strain of human tenderness whose appeal awakened instant response from the audience. Mrs. Riheldaf fer's work, altogether, was a distinct feature of the ever ng and received warm personal commendation from Miss Nielsen

Washington, D. C., December 17, Mrs. Riheldaffer on glowing tributes for her splendid work in "The Mes-

#### Bertram Peacock Engaged by Catholic Club.

Bertram Peacock, the baritone, has been engaged for the concert which the Catholic Choral Club will give in Carnegie Hall, Sunday evening, March 26.

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#### ADELE KRÜGER'S RECITAL.

Adele Krüger, a soprano whose range of voice is such that at times her organ takes on decided mezzo tints, gave a recital in Mendelssohn Hall last Thursday evening, January 26, and made an extremely favorable impression in the following program:

Ich liebe DichBeethoven
ResignationSchumann
NachtstückSchubert
GenesungFranz
Land of the Sky Blue Water
EcstanyRummel
To YouSpeaks
Floods of the Spring
PreludiumKahn
LiebestreuBrahms
Alte LiebeBrahms
Liebesfeier
Wie Wundersam
Flieder
Möchtest Du singenTschaikowsky
Die Rosen so blass

Unheralded and without any flamboyant pretensions, Adele Krüger faced a difficult task when she stepped out on the Mendelssohn Hall platform, for in front of her sat an audience of discriminative New Yorkers, and a handful of critics who always are hostile to any newcomer on the local stage because they are tacitly bound to praise only such singers as have a reputation previously acquired at their hands. Like a certain ancient wife of history, those preferred artists can do no wrong—in the eyes of their admiring critics—and consequently Mrs. Krüger had to combat preconceived notions, prejudicial favoritism and antagonistic indifference. The critics in question have made it a practice for some years past to try to fool the public into the belief that song singing is a sort of secret art, an esoteric rite, of which only two or three persons in all the world possess the inner knowledge.

Mrs. Krüger quickly exploded all such befuddled notions by plunging boldly into a program of large variety in style and musical and emotional content, and bringing home the nelody and the meaning of her i uniters so forcibly to the hearers that she won almost instant approval and was applauded warmly from the start to the finish of her program.

Nervous throughout the entire evening, the young singer fought a severe handicap, but her audience hardly noticed that circumstance, for Mrs. Krüger's intense, earnest delivery, her legitimate artistic striving, and the entire absence of affectation or pretentiousness in her manner won sympathetic regard for everything she did, and proved her to be a singer from whom much may be expected as she grows more occustomed to her surroundings (it was Mrs. Krüger's initial New York appearance) and gains in confidence and consequently in freedom of utterance.

Careful tone production, observance of the best rules in enunciation, diction and text emphasis, and correct differentiation in interpretative style were Mrs. Krüger's most marked artistic virtues, and they form valuable assets which some of the very famous singers would have given much to possess when they were as young in their careers as Mrs. Krüger is in hers. She also possesses an unuually true sense of pitch and a splendid musical memory, for she sings all her songs without holding the music before her,

as many distinguished vocal recitalists feel compelled to do. Altogether Mrs. Krüger's evening of song was well worth hearing, and those expert listeners present, who are able to recognize talent and decided promise when they meet it in artist of unmanufactured reputation, feel that the young lady is bound to strengthen the impression she made with her every further public appearance.

Eugene Bernstein was the accompanist of the evening, and discharged his duties with delicacy, tact and splendid musical insight.

#### MUSIC IN MUNICH.

Munich, January 10, 1911.

It is a noticeable fact that most of the concerts here come before Christmas. This is due to the famous



LATEST PICTURE OF MAX REGER.

Munich Carnival which begins every year on Twelfth Night (January 6) and ends on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. There are three or four dances every night and the whole city loses its balance, especially on the last day, when the streets are filled with crowds of people, many costumed, to watch the splendid fancy parade, similar to the New Orleans "Mardi Gras." It is then that the principal Munich streets are piled with confetti and paper streamers, literally inches deep. The consequence is that the people have very little money for serious music,

and the concert season slackens up at Christmas, only to resume in Lent. This past week has been very quiet.

Kate Liddle has been out of town several days accompanying her sister, Mrs. Arnot (who has been visiting her for several months), to the steamer in which the latter will return to America.

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Dr. George Göhler came dcwn from Leipsic and directed a symphony concert with the Tonkünstler Orchestra. I did not hear it, because the Mahler fourth symphony was on the program, and after hearing the eighth and the first I have resolutely determined to forego the other six. The newspaper critics spoke of some songs by Dr. Göhler, which were on the program, sung by Vali von der Osten, as being rather ordinary, and said further that he did not appear to be equal to the task of conducting the Mahler symphony.

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This week at the Opera was marked by the appearance of Heinrich Knote as Radames in "Aida." Several years ago he sang this role a few times in Italian, Lut essayed it Friday evening for the first time in German. He was plainly nervous, and did not by any means do himself justice. The feature of the performance was the splendid Aida of Maude Fay. She has seldom risen to such heights, both vocal and histrionic, as she reached in the third act. Saturday evening saw an excellent performance of Rossini's "Barber of Seville." Mottl directed a picked cast. which included Paul Bender's splendid Don Basilio, Geis' ever comic Dr. Bartolo, and Hermine Bosetti, the best Rosina in Europe at the present day.

Agent Gutmann gave us one of the finest concerts of the season Tuesday evening in presenting the Konzertverein Orchestra directed by Hugo Reichenberger, of Vienna, with Selma Kurz-Halban, of the Royal Opera, Vienna, as soloist. Reichenberger directed with great taste and ability a program including the Schubert "Rosamunde" music, the "Leonore" No. 3 overture, and an E flat major symphony by the Vienna composer, Karl Weigh. Madame Kurz sang arias from "The Barber of Sville," "Ernani" and "The Masked Ball." She displayed her voice technic to great advantage. The Mahler songs from "Des Knaben Wunderhorn," although well sung, were less enthusiastically received.

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That usually staid sheet, the Münchener Neuste Nachrichten, appears to be trying to play a carnival joke on somebody. It recently reported in all apparent seriousness that a new operetta with the title "The Love Dream," music by the German Crown Prince, text book by the Kaiser himself, is to be presented in Berlin at the end of February, with the assistance of the best artists on the Berlin operetta stage.

H. O. Osgood.

#### John W. Nichols Cancels Engagements.

Owing to illness John W. Nichols, the tenor, has been obliged to cancel his engagements for January and February. Mr. Nichols had many bookings with clubs and oratorio societies, but he will now appear later with some of these organizations.



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Since the time when he made his initial appearances before the American public some few seasons ago, Mischa Fluan's musical conquest of our continent was complete, yet like the true and deep souled artist that he is, he did not rest content on his laurels, brilliant though they were but strove to show our people from season to season that his art extended far below the glittering surface of mere virtuosity and consisted also of the sterner stuff that has raised half a dozen violinists of history above the rest of the fiddle playing horde and made those few the idolize! masters of all time.

Mischa Elman is young—gloriously, magnificently young—and it is his youth that inspires the staidest critics with such unlimited confidence in the marvelous Russian artist's future. Here is a genius in very truth and if the technical and musical possibilities of the violin are not to be carried beyond the limits achieved by Paganini, Wieniawski Vieuxtemps, Joachim, then at least Mischa Elman has every chance to duplicate them for us in this newer and more materialistic century.

For a year or so it seemed as if the young man wavered between devotion to the more serious side of his art and a romping desire to capture the easily won applause of the groundlings with technical display and exploitation of the purely virtuoso repertory. However, those who knew the purely virtuoso repertory. However, those who knew the Elman nature lest predicted a quick change in the seeming bent of the boy, and sure enough the transformation of the boy and sure enough the transformation. tion came within a twelvemonth and worked wonders in the style, manner and actual performance of the feted

Now Elman is an artist of the highest type, serious whole souled, studious, and imbued with the most exalted ideals. He has mastered the chamber music and the symphonic literature and through them informed himself of the larger perspective in music, the broader boundary, the deeper purpose, and more lofty meaning of the tonal art. His youth is for that very reason an invaluable asset in his present stage of development, for it lends his every per-formance the vivifying spirit, the pulsing emotionalism, and the rhythmic life and eagerness which never allow an Elman reading to degenerate into mere pedanticism or tawdry exhibition of cheap mechanical feats.

Goldmark's suite, with its warm, rich music had a well

nigh matchless interpreter in Elman, whose lovely timbred tone and wide command of color nuances revealed the picturesque measures in all their brilliancy of hue and intensity of dramatic utterance.

In the Bruch concerto lovely serenity and supreme musical insight distinguished the performer, together with perfect technical command, flawless intonation and tone

manifestations of astonishing volume and quality.

The Handel conata was another revelation of the co temporary Elman, for his passion changed appropriately to profundity and his legitimate musical coquetry to strictest classicism in style and execution. The purity of the player's tone, the detailed mastery of every phase and phrase of the composition, and the grand ur of his conception as a whole established the high water mark of his violin deeds on that memorable afternoon and long will remain engraved on the minds of his tumultuously enthusiastic listeners

Like the cathedral roll of an organ is Elman's delivery in his own Schubert "Serenade" arrangement and it created the same furore as on his previous presentations of the piece in New York. The quaint Monsigny number

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ht, Mabel Wilber, John H. Stubbs,
r, Albert Wallerstedt, Umberto Sacuro Other singers now before the pubund church work,

under Elman's compelling bow and coaxing fingers, Kreisler's "Rosmarin" waltz conceit was done with irresistible witchery in rhythm and diablerie in dynamics, and so entranced the Elman auditors that they clamored for a repetition.

A well made and musically meritorious "Meditation" by Cottenet, and Paganini's exciting "I Palpiti"—exciting as dashed off by Wizard Elman—ended the enjoyable program in a blaze of glory and filled the crowds of listeners with such a frantic desire for "more," that the obliging hero of the afternoon saw himself compelled to add encore after encore as an attempt to still the turbulent riot

Never has a New York audience acted with more applausive exuberance, and long before the last encore was delivered, the Quinlan Bureau saw itself forced to an-



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nounce a second Elman recital on February 13, although as originally planned there was to be "only one." Hunns could not be accommodated with seats in Carnegie Hall last Saturday and had to be turned away.

#### SUCCESS OF AMERICAN COMPOSERS.

To The Musical Courier:

The success of American composers is a source of gratification to all interested in the progress of American arts. There is no more truly American composer, in birth and in character, than Edgar Stillman-Kelley, and the appearance of his works on orchestral programs this winter be speaks an increased interest in things American. So far this season Kelley's "Macbeth" music has been given by three representative symphony orchestras of the country In New York the overture to "Macbeth" was presented in Carnegie Hall, December 4, by the Volpe Symphony Or-chestra. The notices spoke highly of the American number. The New York Symphony Orchestra on its Western tour presented the same overture, January 24, at its Oxford, Ohio, concert. The Minneapolis Symphony Orches tra, Emil Oberhoffer, conductor, produced, January 22, the closing number to the "Macbeth" suite, "The Defeat of Macbeth." This symphonic poem was well received by the large audience and the composer, who was present, was

Kelley's work in classic molds was represented by the quintet in F sharp, played by the Philharmonic Quartet, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Kelley at a concert of selections from the composer's works given January 17, at the Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio. This is the college which has conferred a "composing fellowship" upon Mr. Kelley, which offects him such explored in the property of the p Kelley, which affords him ample relief from the years of teaching abroad.

The quintet is to have several hearings in New York aring February. It is a work, as are all of Kelley's compositions of this type, better known abroad than in this

Kelley is a true American, both in thought and action The music of this country, in the hands of men with Kelley's aims and intentions, must rise to a place where it will be appreciated even by Americans,

(Signed) H. D. LE BARON,

Instructor in Music, Western College, Oxford, Ohio.

#### Sulli Pupils Heard in Bridgeport.

The following report from the Bridgeport (Conn.) Evening Post tells of a recent musicale in that city at which pupils of Georgio M. Sulli distinguished them-

selves:

The dance form in music was well exemplified by the Wednesday Afternoon Club members yesterday afternoon at the Stratfield, the program being arranged and the musicale directed by Mrs. Frederick M. Card. The hall was filled to its capacity and the enthusisam of the auditors knew no bounds at the finish of the aria from "La Traviata." Verdi, by Leua Mason-Barnsley. Her voice of rare sweetness and brilliancy and her singing disclosed anew the sure method of Maestro Giorgio Sulli, her teacher, which enables an artist to sing trills and runs with convincing skill. She seems to hold every one in a spell and shines just as brightly in duets or chorus work. She was the star performer, as besides her solo she was heard in two duets, "Estudiantina" and "Venetian Boat Song," with Mabel Bump, whose voice is a colorful contralto of warmth and richness.

and richness.

Lealia Joel-Hulse made her last appearance here for some time and while she is gifted with temperament and great power, her main charm is in her rich, deep tones, round and clear.

She is to be the soloist of the Russian Symphony Orchestra on a five months' tour and will make her first appearance with them at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on February 16. Mrs. Hulse is the soloist of the Rutgers Presbyterian Church of New York Mrs. Hulse's groups of songs yesterday were "Serenade," Pierne; "Love's Dilemma," Richardson, and "The Danza," Chadwick, and showed her at her best.

#### Lois Fox Gives Unique Programs.

Lois Fox, who has become known for her unique programs, sings delightfully old ballads, classical lieder, children's songs and Shakesperean songs. Miss Fox wears appropriate costumes which are exact copies of tho depicts in her songs. The singer was educated in Europe and this country. She has had special courses with famous teachers in Vienna, Stuttgart and Chicago. Miss Fox has filled engagements under the auspices of leading clubs in the East and West and has appeared at prominent

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WE have no objection to "endless melody" in music, provided it is not the front end of the melody that is wanting.

REMARKS a Milan exchange: "In America Caruso's drawings are quite as famous as his singing." Yes, they average about \$1,000 per night.

"THE Kaiser's auto horn," says a Markneukirchen exchange, "toots four tones that can be heard a quarter of a mile off. It is of silver." That is no

IF there are any reasons why recital pianists do not play Rubinstein's lovely A minor barcarolle, opus 93, then the Neglect Editor of THE MUSICAL COURIER would like to know them.

MRS. GEORGE S. WILKINS, a wealthy widow, declares that she will devote her life to making the Igorrotes musical. Why do missionaries never begin their good work in the home country?

BALTIMORE again is discussing the advisability of erecting its own opera house. Practical steps toward that purpose were revived after the successful performances there last week by the Philadelphia-Chicago Opera Company.

As forecasted exclusively in THE MUSICAL COU-RIER a fortnight ago, Gustav Mahler has been signed for another year as conductor of the New York Philharmonic Society, a wise and proper move on the part of the orchestra's executive committee.

FRAU COSIMA WAGNER continues on the sick list and has left Bayreuth with her family-exclusive of Siegfried-for St. Magarita, near Genoa, Italy, to remain indefinitely. No arrangements have been made by her at present, as her health is the sole subject of interest.

OF all forms of critical parochialism the worst is antagonism to musical prodigies merely because they are prodigies. Nearly all the great virtuosi were infant phenomenons. As Leschetizky said in a recent magazine interview: "To be artists, there must first be prodigies."

FROM the Morning Telegraph we learn that "the management of the Metropolitan Opera House would find the popularity of the very efficient Wagnerian performances given there considerably enhanced if those representations were not quite so long." It is a good objection, for the works of Wagner really are admirable and everything possible should be done to make them better known.

SPEAKING of the recent "Girl of the Golden West" hearing in Philadelphia, the Public Ledger of that city says that one of the Opera officials "was pacing up and down the foyer of the big auditorium during the performance. He looked down the blocks of vacant seats, heard the applause of the skimpy audience spatter faintly-a mere zephyr in a forest-and thought of the scantiness of the advance sales for the coming performances."

A CORRESPONDENT sends this impressive musical item from Denver, Col.: "Gaston Otey Wilkins, formerly the organist and choir director at Saint Mark's Church here, has gone to Memphis, Tenn., to assume a double position there in a church and a synagogue. Mr. Wilkins will be remembered in a way that few other artists, even the very greatest, can hope to be, for he was the first man who ever played a Chopin nocturne on a steam calliope. To stimulate the possibly failing courage of their team

during a football game the Denver University students hired a steam calliope from the Sells-Floto Circus, the winter quarters of which are in this city. After rendering 'Turkey in the Straw,' Mr. Wilkins, made bold by success, played the nocturne popularly known as 'the first.' Much of the rubato, most of the ornamentation, and all of the famous cadenza that precedes the conclusion went by the board despite the desperate efforts of two students, who fired the boiler during the progress of this elegiac and moody number. Mr. Wilkins said that his finger stroke varied with the character of the passage, being anywhere from a foot and a half to two feet.

IVAN CARYLL, the musical comedy composer, told in an interview: "Many girls to whom I have offered engagements in light opera might have been stars in that field, but they have disappeared in the ocean of classical music." Mr. Caryll's point is well taken, and it agrees with what THE MUSICAL Cou-RIER often has stated. Our light opera stage needs more good voices than ever, and pays their possessors liberally besides offering a much quicker and easier way to fame than grand opera.

WAGNER seems to have had a singularly soft spot for the female characters in his operas. Only three of his women made the least pretension to wickedness, Venus, Ortrud, and Kundry, and none of them do any real or purposeful harm. Venus was seductive by profession, Kundry acted under the influence of Klingsor's spell, and Ortrud's spite represented merely pardonable ambition for her husband and herself. In their deaths, the Wagner women also were treated with consideration by the master, for they all perish of broken hearts or through suicide. No Wagner heroine ever murdered or was murdered. Richard of Bayreuth in a gallant musical mood, evidently escaped the attention of all his biographers and commentators, painstaking though they were.

At the recent second annual dinner of the Fraternal Association of Musicians of New York a formal discussion took place on the subject of opera in English. The speakers consisted of an excellent comic opera composer, a successful foreign music publisher, a manager of grand opera, a music critic. a newspaper publisher, a writer on musical topics, and a foreign composer of grand opera. Some of the opinions advanced were weird in the extreme, notably those of the music critic and of the newspaper publisher, both of whom admitted on different occasions to a Musical Courter editor that they know nothing whatsoever about music. One of the real difficulties in establishing English opera here lies in the fact that most foreign singers are its sworn enemies, for they find our vowels and consonants difficult to master and therefore conveniently declare the task to be impossible. Some of the singers should have expressed their views at the dinner aforementioned, for in their hands-or rather in their throats-lies the real solution of the English opera problem. The foreign publisher who spoke insulted gratuitously the Americans present when he asked why we send our young singers abroad to learn to mispronounce foreign languages there. As a matter of fact, the American singers who spend a few years in Germany, France, or Italy return to this country with an astonishingly good command of German, French, or Italian (and sometimes all three) both for singing and speaking purposes. On the other hand, those German, French, and Italian singers who come here season after season and remain in America all winter, rarely ever expend the time or the gray matter to learn English even half way properly. Some of the murder done to the King's English by most of our vocal visitors from abroad almost deserves hanging or electrocution for the perpetrators.



The audience had hurried away an hour before. It was dead and dark and drear at the Metropolitan Opera House. Outside, the blasts of wintry night whistled chromatically through the chinks of the big Broadway doors; inside, all was snug as a bug in a rug and the faintly audible treble tunes of Boreas were furnished with a fitting bass obligato in the snores of the sleeping watchman.

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Could the sleeper but have divined what took place in the auditorium of the opera house a moment after he closed his eyes, his dreams might not have been so peaceful, for a weird, brightly bluish light illumined the stage and the house and ghostly figures crowded out from behind the scenes and overflowed into the boxes and the seats of the parquet. Anyone gifted with astral prescience and a fair knowledge of opera would have recognized the queer crowd at once as the shades of the characters enacted by the singing actors of the past and the present musical day. However, the absent watchman was neither astral nor awake, and in consequence the whispering, gesticulating throng of roles found themselves becoming bolder and presently their conversation grew loud enough to enable a fairly complete record of it to be set down.

A keen-faced, white-haired conductor took his stand in the orchestral pit and made a signal toward a box on the left. In it was seated the Flying Dutchman, who arose, and on a clarion blew clearly the "Johohæ" of the opera named after him. At once the curtain rose and revealed the graveyard scene of "Robert le Diable." At the left (from the spectator) a spinning wheel hummed its rhythmic whirr and Marguerite accompanied the droning sound with the beginning of the "King of Thule" ballad.

"Stop," yelled Liszt—for it was indeed he—from the orchestral pit. where he had been leading an orchestra of skeletons. "You are getting things a trifle mixed. We are doing 'The Flying Dutchman' tonight. Senta ought to be singing the spinning wheel song. Where is Senta?"

Cries of "Senta," "Senta" echoed and re-echoed through the house, but brought no response. Liszt was visibly annoyed and seemed about to lay down his baton, when Don Giovanni got up from his seat in the sixth row and said. "Pardon me, Meister, but there is a lady in the rear of the Dutchman's

box and from here she looks very much like the one you are seeking."

"Are you up there, Senta?" shrieked Liszt.

Very much abashed, the Dutchman leaned over the rail and explained: "Yes, she's here, and what's more she's going to stay here as long as that Don Giovanni person is around."

"But how can we go on with the performance?" inquired Liszt.

"Oh, hell, it's only opera, so what's the difference?" consoled the Dutchman.

"Well," assented Liszt, "that's true in a way. Now, if it were one of my son-in-law's later works, wherein he quite discarded the old manner of Meyerbeer and termed them music dramas—"

erbeer and termed them music dramas—"
"One moment, Meister," interrupted Don Giovanni, "but I'd just like to ask that melancholy Dutchman in the black pajamas what he meant when he attacked my character."

"Just what I said," snapped the Dutchman.

Don Giovanni quivered with rage and grasped his sword. "Just remember, Dutchy, what happened to the Commandant when he interfered with my pastimes."

"Come on," roared the Dutchman in reply, "I'm ready for you. There's no audience here now, and we don't have to play your opera according to the book. Why, you sparrow throated, trilling, ditty squealing, spaghetti sucker you, I'd——"

"Gentlemen, gentlemen, I beg of you." protested Liszt, "there are ladies present and some of them are under my especial protection." At this remark, Mignon, Elizabeth, Griselidis, Beethoven's Leonora, Micaela, Bertha, Chrysothemis, Elsa, and Desdemona, applauded loudly. Parsifal whistled on his fingers and stamped his feet.

Liszt began to conduct and immediately the hubbub ceased in the body of the house and started in the orchestra.

"Great heavens, what are you boys doing?" remonstrated the venerable leader; "you must be reading your parts upside down. Let me see." A violinist handed Liszt a sheet of music. "Sure enough," he went on, "I thought so."

"Bitte um Verzeihung," came a voice from a figure seated on one of the graves, "but what they are playing is quite correct. I asked for my music tonight." The language was Greek, but the accent was unmistakably Munich.

"Who are you?" asked Liszt.

"I'm Herod, in Strauss' 'Salome,'" was the answer, "and those measures typify my mental and physical characteristics."

"No music can quite do that," sneered Salome, who had been standing quietly back of the side rail. Every one turned to stare at her. Liszt laid down his baton and ran rapidly toward the beautiful girl. His age hampered him, however, for Don Giovanni had reached her an instant before.

"Pardon me, mademoiselle," gasped Liszt, "I wish

"There is no pardon for a cavalier who is too slow," Don Giovanni reparteed at his rival; "this lady belongs to me."

"But I saw her first," protested Liszt.

Taking her chewing gum from her mouth, Salome regarded the disputants cynically through her basilisk eyes, and in cool, even tones said thoughtfully: "I wonder which one of you two chaps would let me bite his lips after he is dead? I say, Jochanaan, just strike off those two top pieces, will you, and we'll find out right away." A headless man approached at the summons, and swung an enormous scimitar on high. Don Giovanni and Liszt turned precipitately, fled toward the front of the house with Jochanaan in hot pursuit and all three went through the Broadway wall and no one saw them more.

Mephistopheles leaned over Violetta, indicated Salome with a toss of his head and whispered: "That one's too tough for me, my dear. Really, you and Thais are white robed angels compared with hear"

Violetta resented the remark. "I don't see why you put me in a class with Thais."

"Who says anything against Thais," Parsifal asked blushingly, and a shout of laughter resounded from all over the house.

"The man who wouldn't let himself be kissed," mocked Kundry, bitterly.

"Perhaps if Wagner had put me in 'Parsifal,' the result would have been different," ventured Venus, smiling sweetly at Elizabeth.

Elizabeth, at a loss for a reply, fell to weeping bitterly, and Wotan put his fatherly arm about her in consolation.

"Here, drop that," screeched Fricka, who had been comparing notes in a corner with Erda; "she's a good girl and I won't have any of your nonsense with her."

"Oh, Wotey, dear, they're on to you," laughed Venus, chirpingly; "you'd better go back home to the fireside and stop your wandering."

Fricka and Erda looked at each other. "What do you know about our husband's private affairs?" they asked in chorus. Venus put her hand over her mouth.

"Mama," spoke up Brünnhilde, "that hussy told me father spends all his Saturday nights at the Venusberg——"

"Ah, shut up," interrupted Carmen; "since when have you become so blamed virtuous yourself?"

Brünnhilde's breastplate heaved with rage. "Didn't I walk into the fire and cremate myself just because my husband was——"

"Your husband?" Carmen broke in again; "I never saw any marriage certificate of yours with Siegfried."

"Well, at least I was true to him," Brünnhilde flashed back, "and he didn't find any bull-fighters hanging around our little flat up on the rocks when he came home of an evening."

"I got that, thank you," Escamillo called out from

behind the proscenium arch, "but how about our mutual friend Gunther?"

Brünnhilde hurled her spear at the protruding head of Escamillo, who ducked just in time to escape the missile. It was caught deftly by Klingsor. "Naughty, naughty," chided the magician, shaking his finger at the infuriated Walkure. Cherubin approached and whispered something in her ear, whereat she turned crimson and mounting her horse Grane, flew straight up to the topmost gallery, whence the sounds of a terrible conflict arose almost immediately. A woman's contralto pleading was intermingled with a German tenor's protests, and a dramatic soprano's "There, take that, you brazen baggage," "This for you, you apology for a hus-"Think you'll imitate your grandfather, do you?" Grane came flying back downstairs and astride him sat Brünnhilde, holding in front of her the dust covered, tousled, and palpably humiliated Siegfried. The couple disappeared behind the scenes and a relief party was organized to rescue the moaning woman in the gallery. When she was brought below, the others crowded about her. 'Why, as I live, it's Delilah," cried Radames.

"Here, take a sip, dearie," volunteered Brangaene, offering a vial to the half unconscious woman.

"No, you don't," murmured the latter feebly; "I took one of your drinks yesterday and that led to the trouble with Siegfried."

Tristan stood near, looking at the scene curiously, "Here," he sputtered, "if Delilah won't drink it, I will."

"You?" queried Brangaene in amazement,

"Yes," persisted Tristan doggedly, "give it to me."

He took the vial from Brangaene's unresisting hand, walked toward Lucrezia Borgia and bowed. "To your health, madam," said the doughty Tristan and drank half the draught. He proffered the remainder to Lucrezia. Her lip curled scornfully. "Oh, I know," she commented cuttingly, "it's the old trick I invented myself. The top half of the stuff is all right, but when you press a secret spring, a well of poison flows into the balance of the drink and there you are—or rather, there you aren't."

Tristan stepped close to Lucrezia and whispered something in her ear. When he had finished, she looked at him with a questioning light in her wonderful, glinting eyes. "I swear it," spoke Tristan hoarsely; "ask Isolde."

A cry broke from Lucrezia. "Give me that vial," she gasped, and seizing it, greedily drained the liquid to its very dregs. Isolde, who had witnessed the entire episode, fainted in a corner, and Faust rushed to her assistance.

"Who are you?" Isolde questioned softly when she revived, and saw Faust's eager face close to her. "I'm the fellow who does the garden scene with Marguerite," he informed Isolde, "but I've observed your work in the garden scene of 'Tristan' and if you'll permit me to say it, without any reflection on Marguerite, I don't see why we couldn't get an opera written for us two with a garden—gee! I've got an idea."

"What is it?" asked Isolde impetuously.

"Brangaene," called out Faust, "just bring us two more of those drinks of yours, will you, and see that you make them full measure." Isolde cast down her eyes, and Marguerite, screaming hysterically—

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"Der Rosenkavalier" is a comic opera, according to advices from abroad, but it lasts over four hours. There is nothing comic in that.

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Refreshment note: Mrs. Gatti-Casazza and Mischa Elman ate ice cream between the acts of "Meistersinger" last Saturday evening.

Apropos, somebody claims to have heard maestro Toscanini remark that "Meistersinger" is the most beautiful Italian opera ever written.

Praise of Beckmesser interpreters in "Meistersinger" is misplaced. A bad Beckmesser is impossible.

There is nothing musical in this little New York Evening Telegram anecdote, except the covered fifths: "Winsted, Connecticut, calls attention to a hen found alive after being buried in fire ruins for eight days. The intelligent bird had sustained life by laying eggs and devouring them and could probably have survived indefinitely."

Three things there are which a woman ought to ask herself before she tries to join a church choir. Number 1:—"Am I good looking enough?" If she is, then the other two things really don't matter.

LEGNARD LIEBLING.

#### A SARTORIAL TRAGEDY.

According to the daily papers, when Miss Soprano and Mrs. Alto reached the opera house to take part in a benefit concert, one never-to-be-forgotten day last week, they made the horrible discovery that they were both dressed exactly alike. The feminine mind alone can grasp the true awfulness of such a dilemma. The duller masculine brain is so constituted that it observes ladies' gowns only when they are unduly abbreviated, or translucent. But there was not a woman worthy the name in that huge auditorium who would not have blushed, gasped, and tittered had Miss Soprano dared to step on that platform after Mrs. Alto, as like her in costume as was one Dromio like the other in Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors."

Miss Soprano sprang to the telephone, we are told, uttered Brünnhilde's war cry, we suppose, gave a hurried order to her maid at the hotel, and appeared on the stage in half an hour, smiling from another gown—a perfect dream of a dress in rosepink with minor details we do not understand. Supposing Miss Soprano had sung first—can we be sure that Mrs. Alto would have had the same Napoleonic promptitude and decision in springing to the telephone? Would Mrs. Alto's maid have been ready with another dress? Would she have reached the theater in time to save her mistress from disgrace, humiliation, disaster? We cannot say. These things are much beyond us.

Strangely enough, accidents never happen singly. Only the other day a similar sartorial tragedy set all our office in a panic. For as our oratorio editor was going out our poker editor was coming in. They were staggered on discovering that they were identical in costume and appearance. The shock did not prostrate them, however. With a promptitude equal to that of the Napoleonic soprano, the poker editor grasped the office scissors, cut off onehalf of his whiskers, tucked his trousers inside the tops of his long boots, and broke off the stem of his clay pipe so that the bowl came under his nose. The two editors, now finding themselves unlike, soon recovered their composure, and have since become fast friends. (P. S. We are not sure which one is the faster.)

### time in the joyous key of G major-fell into further THE "ROSENKAVALIER" PREMIERE.

(By Cable.)

Berlin, January 28, 1911.

To The Musical Courier, New York.

After attending the Dresden "Rosenkavalier" première I am in a position to confirm the brilliant success of the work and the ovation tendered to Strauss, even if the new opera did not prove to be quite the sensation expected. The musical characteristics of "Rosenkavalier" are simplicity in the harmonic scheme and orchestral architecture, with extensive use of real Viennese waltz rhythms. The vocal parts are largely "Sprechgesang," but there are also several very beautiful lyric ensemble numbers. The performance was admirable in every respect. Marc A. Blumenberg was one of the interested auditors.

ABELL.

#### CRITICS VS. CRITICISERS.

Now and then we feel a something in our heart which is akin to pity when we see how universally the poor, harmless critics are despised. Tennyson calls them "the long-necked geese of the world that are ever hissing dispraise because their natures are little." Well, that seems to be the general opinion of Europe concerning critics, but it is entirely wrong to put the everyday critic of the New York newspapers in the same boat with those crude faultfinders of half-civilized Europe. What would be the fun of reading our dailies if the music criticisms were suppressed? It amuses us to learn from the Star that the musical comedy produced last night was "poor stuff musically, of a very conventional pattern, though the play was strong and the lyrics excellent," when we have just read in the Moon that "one of the most stupid plays ever foisted on a patient public was relieved by the sparkling and really fresh music provided by the composer." know that if the afternoon Bugle says the production was sumptuous and the girls pretty, the evening Cuckoo will affirm that the scenery was threadbare, a disgrace to Broadway, while the chorus was absolutely repulsive.

With the opinions of these solons we are not affected, beyond being amused-and even that form of amusement is getting stale by reason of endless repetition. Of course, when these wise men venture into the realm of facts our pleasure becomes more substantial. For instance, one learned critic informs us that "Mr. Caryll, like other English composers, writes pieces in 4-4 and 2-4 time much better than he does waltzes. He evidently is aware of this fact, for there is little waltz rhythm in the score ('Marriage à la Carte')." The first sentence expresses an opinion, and consequently does not concern us. But the second sentence asserts that Caryll knows he is weak on waltzes and has, consequently, employed little waltz rhythm. As a matter of fact there are four times as many waltz themes in "Marriage à la Carte" as in "The Merry Widow." It is evident that Caryll does not know that he is weak as a waltz maker. We might more truthfully say that Lehar knows himself a very inferior waltz composer and so ventured to put so few waltz tunes in his score.

Of course, those who know nothing about music may be impressed with the erudition of the man who can write with such facility about 4-4 and 2-4 versus waltz rhythms. To us, however, that particular critic would have been more amusing if he had given his opinion, rather than his knowledge, on the Carvill waltzes.

There are other critics who like to write about "musical algebra," "symphonic mathematics," and other pseudo-technical and profound, but really meaningless, matters. What has algebra to do with music? Why not compare it to cold slaw or parsnips? We believe that not a single composer of merit from Bach to Strauss could extract any meaning whatever from the expression "musical algebra." We remember the delight of a boy who

heard an orchestra for the first time. "Some of the sounds," said he, "were just like blowing down an empty bottle."

Not long ago a lady who knows nothing about music described an effect a pianist made, as "just like drops of water." So when we hear a man talk about musical algebra we have an uncomfortable kind of feeling that he belongs to the same class as the lady with the water drops and the boy with the empty bottle. To tell the truth, we can understand what the hollow tone of an empty bottle is. But we are totally at sea with a piano that is "just like drops of water," and we are entirely unable to form a conception of the sound of algebra. A course of harmony and counterpoint, and the composition of a few songs, however bad, would rid these critics of some of their perverted notions, and make their writings more intelligible to musicians. Fortunately, also, a little practical knowledge of music would not ruin the critic as a purveyor of fodder for the casual reader of music criticisms in the daily papers.

OPERA is to be given at the New Theater next season, according to a recent decision of the Metropolitan directors, and such works as "Thais," "Boheme," "Louise," "Carmen," "Pelleas et Melisande" and "Madam Butterfly" may have their permanent home at the uptown house. Thus the Metropolitan Opera will become its own competitor, not at all a bad scheme in view of a certain previous experience.

WE are in receipt of the following valued communication:

To The Musical Courier:

DEAR SIR.-In last week's edition of your paper you gave a list of eminent men whose names begin with S. Now what's the matter with Sousa?

ANXIOUS INQUIRER.

He's alright.

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CHEERFUL EDITOR.

#### OMAHA MUSICAL NEWS.

OMAHA, Neb., January 26, 15 Louise Kirkby-Lunn's song recital of January 17 unanimously declared to be one of the great treats of the Her excellent program represented Brahms, Macseason. Dowell, Reger, Henschel and Wolf, and included a group of early French songs which was given with rare delicacy and charm. Madame Kirkby-Lunn completely fascinated her audience with her remarkable capacity for artistic analysis and the glorious beauty of her voice. She was repeatedly recalled.

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The initial appearance of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in the Brandeis Theater on the afternoon of January 24 will long be remembered by the enthusiastic audi ence which greeted this most excellent organization. The young conductor, Leopold Stokovski, won immediate favor was changed to firm conversion before the close of the first movement of the Tschaikowsky symphony. unaffected but intense manner spoke clearly through a program of large and varying demands. "Suite l'Arlesienne" Bizet) was given a very interesting reading, and the third movement was applauded insistently. Praise is being lavished upon the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and its brilliant conductor.

Coming events are as follows: Carrie Jacobs Bond in the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium, February 2; Johanna Gad-ski in the Brandeis Theater, February 7; Max Landow in the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium, February 9, and the Rically String Quartet in the same place, on February 15.

EVELYN HOPPER.

Mrs. E. H. Wescott, musical director of the choir and glee club of the First M. E. Church, of Plattsmouth, Neb, is doing much good work to advance the cause of music in her section. At a recent concert the program was made up of excerpts from several oratorios and a number of excellent songs by American composers. solo singers of the night included Ernest Tuey, Zelma Tuey, D. C. York, Mrs Max Adams, Mrs. R. B. Hayes and the Misses Thompson, York, Windham, Crabill and Brady. Mildred Cook, violinist; E. H. Wescott, organist, and a chorus of thirty voices assisted in the program.

## BUSONI IN CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

Ferruccio Busoni is conquering as few pianists have conquered. His recent recitals in Chicago, Denver, Min-neapolis and his appearances with the St. Louis Symphony conquered. Orchestra have demonstrated this fact beyond a possible doubt. The following notices go fully into the details of Busoni's triumphs and his art:

One of the largest audiences which Orchestra Hall has held this season was taught by Ferruccio Busoni on Sunday how admirable a thing the piano is if it is played as he can play it.

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There are, indeed, few performers who have mastered the art of interpretation to such a degree that their achievements are able, in every branch of piano literature, to carry rapture to the ears of those who listen to them. But in the little band of pianists who can do this thing Mr. Busoni must be given a foremost place. In making this statement it must not be inferred that the art of playing the piano is summed up in the degree of rapidity with which a performer can rattle up and down the keyboard. Nor must it be believed that the business of playing notes with the hand held high or with the hand held low—a matter discussed with great serious-ness in the studios—has much to do with the pre-eminence of the ortist who was heard at this recital. who was heard at this recital.

Mr. Busoni is, to be sure, possessed of a remarkable ex-t such a degree of mechanical mastery is taken for granted se of every artist who solicits the homage of the throng.



FERRUCCIO BUSONI.

endowed with, or he has acquired, a touch of admirable tonal charm, but this is also one of the elementary factors in the success of any pianist of his fame. The superlative distinction of Busoni's playing is, therefore, not only concerned with the transcendental beauty of keyboard manipulation, but with other qualities which must enter into the achievements of an artist who aspires to stand in the proud place of the greatest and of the best.

of these qualities his musicianship and his artistic sanity are two of Mr. Busoni's most admirable possessions. The Italian artist has tilled other fields than that field devoted to the piano alone, and by this token his view of the artistic horizon is broad and comprehensive. He has learned that much more goes to piano playing than the striking of the keys. He has learned that much which is put by some other pianists into their performance could be effectively left out. And as Mr. Busoni is a composer as well as a pianist, he has also profited by the knowledge which a composer must bring to the work which he attempts to do. But in listening at his recital to the great master of piano playing it became possible to regret that he has ambitions as a creator. For musical composition has spoiled many a fine instrumentalist who has neglected the art in which he really could shine resplendently to dabble in an art in which he can never shine at all.

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Only two composers were interpreted at the recital. Chopin was represented by his four ballads and Lisat by three etudes, the legends "St. Francois d'Assise" and "St. Francois de Paul," and the fantasie on themes from Mozart's "Don Juan." Mr. Busoni's conception of Chopin's art was particularly interesting. It is a conception eminently sane, having nothing in common with that of many pianists who see as they play the Polish master's inspirations a vision of the hectic, sentimental Chopin gazing with languid adoration into the eyes of Polish countesses. If Mr. Busoni's reading of this music is a little lacking in fervidity, its virility is, at least, a wholesome change.

The compositions by Lizzt were magnificently set forth The compositions by Lisat were magnificently set forth. There is little sincerity in the Hungarian composer's writings for the iano, but they did, and do still, display certain features of piano erformance to admirable advantage. The tonal delineation of St. reaching to Paula walking on the waves is, if one may be permitted little candor, rather absurd, and that of St. Francis of Assisi reaching to the birds sometimes verges upon unconscious humor, but so fine was Mr. Busoni's playing of these things that one almost elt convinced that the music was worth performing.

In the "Don Juan" fantasie, the recitalist gave evidence of his irtuosity, and the case with which he surmounted extraordinary ifficulties, the heauty of his tone in the singing passages were a py, indeed, to hear. There was tremendous enthusiasm at the close of the piece, and it was only after Mr. Busoni had appeared and sappeared many times to acknowledge the insistent enthusiasm that

he at last consented to play Liast's "Rigoletto" fantasie as an ditional offering of art.—Chicago Record-Herald, January 24, 1911

BUSONI STAR AT RECITAL

ITALIAN'S MASTERY OF THE PIANO ALMOST UNCARRY, SAYS ROSER

Pianists have that uncanny feeling when they listen to the playing of Ferruccio Busoni, the pianist, who gave a recital at Orchestra Hall Sunday afternoon. Uncanny because such marvelous technical mastery of the piano is rarely met with in the experience of concert going. Taking this great Italian only from the intellectual purely technical standpoint, the feats he accomplishes are stupendous.

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I heard him play the four Chopin ballads presented as his first
group, and though perhaps he disdains the sentimental and remains
absorbed more in regard to the pianistic contents of these remarkable compositions, there is still that authority in their interpretation
which causes the listener to marvel at the plasticity and the transluscence of their reproduction.

They resemble the art of the sculptor more so than that of the
etcher. Every line is intact, and though pianists often claim that
he distorts and cuts his phrases, I, for one, an willing to sacrifice
unity of form on this side rather than to hear these pieces played
with a supersentimentality and a lack of clarity. In the performance of the first and third of the ballads there was that mysterious
and poetic beginning, gradually developed into a cumulative climax,
which was rousing in its effect. And the expositions of the Liast
selections were not only transcendant in their technical display, but
the deeper meaning of the compositions themselves was brought
forth with the understanding of authoritative musicianship. It was
a recital for the thinking pianist and musician.—Chicago Examiner,
January 24, 1911.

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Thorough master of the pianoforte in the most masterful style, Ferruccio Busoni, the Italian pianist of international fame, received an evation after every number which he played at the Symphony Concert, Odeon, last night. Not only the audience paid him the most distinguished attention, but the musicians on the stage hung spellbound on every one of his pianistic utterances. Busoni, Paderewski and Stojowski are regarded as the three leading pians virtuosi of the day, yet in his interpretation of Chopin the Italian outreaches his colleagues. It is compellingly characteristic. Especially in the ballade in G misor was revealed the soul of the naw and the poetic feeling of the artist. His treatment of these Chopin soli was ful! of the weird sadness and the passionate abandon in which Clopin gave himself to the afterworld. Accentuation and phrasing are the artist's own, and at times his shading is so tender that one mervels at the thundering power and strength with which he works up to the crescendi. After the Lisat concerto, which gives the piano all the best of it at the expense of the orchestration, he responded to a spontaneous recall with Lisat's "La Campanella." The limpid, graceful runs, the rich, pure tones and the great, long trill, clear as the bells of which the piece is descriptive, enthralled the audience. Busoni's technic is without flaw, but his own genus works beautiful wonders out of well known works of Lisat and Chopin, of which his program was made up.

Busoni's "Eine Lustspiel Overture" was the opening number by the crehestra, and received splendid handling on the part of Director Zach and his musicians. The orchestra's accompaniment to the concert was another evidence of the Zach school and mathods which are becoming more satisfactory and inspiring at every concert, but it is in the Strauss symphonic poem, "Don Juan," that leader and men came into their own, as well as in the Lisat "Mephisto Waltz." There was a

Ferruccio Busoni fills us with wonder. There is nothing possible on the piano which he cannot do with a mastery absolutely infallible and a reserve force that is almost awesome. The two legends, "St. Francis Sermon to the Birds" and "St. Francis Sermon to the Birds" and "St. Francis Walking on the Waves," reach the final goal of tone painting on the piano. The thing is so visualized that we cannot but feel ourselves wandering unseen in the forest listening to the voices in the branches, until we hear the gentle words of the saint speaking to the birds in tones they could comprehend.

It was so restrained in spirit, so illusive, yet so completely in the sentiment of the thought, that we seemed to be present in person at the actual fact. Then the overwhelming volume of tone, sustained with an ease that gives no sense of the labor in the other legend, is tremendous. With that dominating force of mind which you feel back of every note he impresses us as like no bther.

Busoni might be called the reincarnation of the spirit of Lizat, so identical seem to be their modes of thought and expression. Tradition has it that List himself had not great beauty in his touch, that he had to fight to gain melodic utterance, nor did he ever quite master it; and something the same is true of Busoni. Though in his case it does not seem as if he could not give melodic expression to his meaning, but as if he had deliberately chosen a way of playing a melody which should be absolutely individual. It is hard for us to comprehend his intention, nor cam we sympathize with his idea of melody, but it is a definite mode of speech from which he mewer varies.

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In place of the curving line there is a distinct point, emphasized and dwelt on, then a move directly to the next note. The result is angular, ungraceful, almost as though he felt that what we call melody was somehow banal and must be treated by a man in another fashion to give it dignity. He may be right, and anything that so important a man does is to be considered seriously, but the appeal is to the head, not the heart. That sentiment can run into sentimentality is no reason why a man should deny himself all approach to emotion; yet this is what Busoni does.

The Chopin that he brings to us is a new figure, one that makes you blink a moment, and as you become better acquainted does not seem the true figure of the poet. The bigness of the Busoni way of

going at things rather bulges the frailer images of Chopin out of shape. The breadth, the heavy accentuation, which fitted so well with the idiom of Lisst makes Chopin sound almost pompous, while things that in the hands of lesser Lisst players appear bombastic become vital under his fingers. The dreamer that was in Chopin, that which none can define, yet which we all recognize as "romantic," finds no response in Busoni, and what he puts in its place does not come spontaneously from the music, but is thrust into it by the

him play Liszt and we could listen the afternoon three carried away by the power of the man, reveling in the grasp he has of everything he wishes to do. There is never the slightest sense of limitation, artistic or technical. If, for instance, he plays a melody limitation, artistic or technical. If, for instance, he plays a melody in his individual manner there is no feeling that he had to, merely that he so willed it, and with the extraordinary equipment at his command it must have taken stern self denial to keep himself from giving way to the pleasure of expressing the beauty of it. Not once does he yield to anything approaching the commonplace, but lives apart on the mountain peak of ascetism, guiding his course ever by his belief in what is right, whether people shall like it or not. So he astonishes, cvokes our admiration at his stupendous force of mind, does everything to us except touch our hearts; if he should once let go the energy pent up within him he would sweep us off our feet, but there he sita, iron visaged, and will not give the human sympathy worth all else beside.—Chicago Post, January 23, 1911.

At his recital at Orchestra Hall yesterday afternoon Ferri Busoni presented before a large and enthusiastic audience a gram both unusual and interesting and in keeping with his ideals. Busoni, the master planist, had chosen compositions by pin and Lisat, and he played them in a manner that amazed even those who have heard him frequently before. The surety of his technic, the great range of dynamic shading and the chiseled perfection of the ornamental passages call for superlatives only. The technical difficulties of the program were colossal, but the case and

technical difficulties of the program were colossal, but the case and nonchalance with which they were overcome made it possible only for the pianist who has battled with more or less success with them to measure their entire extent. But this mastery is only a means for a strong, philosophical mind to reveal a musical message.

The first ballad in G minor he took at a very deliberate tempo, on the whole, but the narrative beginning and the tender melody in E flat beautifully declaimed and then a climax built which, however, did not result in the final fortissimo passage. The second and third were played with equal mastery, but the best was the F minor ballad, one of Chopin's greatest pieces. The melancholy, almost despairing, character of the composition was realized. The grandeur of his conception of Liszt's compositions shows how complete is his sympathy. These compositions are very often thought to be mere technical display, forgetting that with this the greatest of all pisnists the technical was not sought, but was a part of his idiom. For instance, the mechanical difficulties of the second edition of these studies is less than that of the third, the one now used.

ed. The "Mazeppa" is a wild tragedy, like an untamed steed the The "Mazeppa" is a wild tragedy, like an untamed steed the music rushes onward, ever increasing in intensity it pushes to the climax. The "Ricordanza" is a piece of different mood; it is softer, more restrained; it has a wealth of tone color, of harmonic invention. The "Campanella" is a set of variations on a theme of Paganini; under Busoni's hands it has as many different hues at the rainbow. The two legends are imbued with a mystic exaltation and human sensuousness which make these pieces in the hands of lesser artists very often failures. But Busoni's great reproductive faculties made them what they are—two of the most inspired moments of Liszt. The most wonderful exhibition of Busoni's virtuosity was the rendition of the "Don Juan" fantaisie by Liszt. After this the audience would not leave till, after many recalls, Busoni granted an encore—the "Rigoletto" fantaisie—having given the octave study in G flat earlier in the afternoon. The concert bore the impress of great musicianship and intellectual virtuosity.—Chicago Inter Ocean, January 23, 1911. Ocean, January 23, 1911.

#### BUSONI CHARMS AUDIENCE.

APPEARS WITH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AT ODEON,

He Is Considered One of Greatest Pianists Who Ever Visited

He Is Considered One of Greatest Pianists Who Ever Visited St. Louis—Plays Lisst and Chopin to Delight of Hearers.

The Italian, Ferruccio Busoni, who played with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra last night at the Odeon, is considered one of the greatest pianists that have ever visited St. Louis.

Eminent in technical accuracy and virtuosity and magnetic to an extraordinary degree, the effect of his work is finely artistic.

Under his capable fingers the great concerto in E flat was made to breathe forth all the native impetuosity and temperment of the

jungarian race.

Perhaps it must be conceded he is a greater Liazt than a Chopin layer. It must be remembered that even Liazt thought that no one old play Chopin unless he was of Polish descent.

His Chopin nocturne is perhaps too analytic, but in the ballad in minor the audience was carried away by the poetry and beauty

G minor the audience was carried away by the poetry and beauty of the artist's conceptions.

The Lisat concerto is in itself one of the most brilliant and dramatic compositions of its character in musical literature, qualities for which it is characterized rather than for a wealth of musical ideas. Under Mr. Zach's capable direction the pianist and the orchestra were in perfect accord. Busoni's comedy overture, played, is extremely well written. It furnishes logical development of ideas, original motions and striking rhythms. As encores Busoni played the Paganini-Liszt "Campanella" etude and the "Rigoletto" fantasy of Liszt.—St. Louis Republic, January 21, 1911.

## Marie Hall Marries Her Manager.

Marie Hall, the English violinist, was married in London last Saturday to her manager, Edward Baring. It was Mr. Baring who conducted Miss Hall's tours in the United States and Canada.

One fair music lover, explaining the story of "Thais" to 

And the elevation of her penciled eyebrows and the shrugs of her white shoulders told unspeakable things.— New York Evening Telegram.

# GRAND OPERA IN NEW YORK.

#### METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE. "Thais," January 24.

FIRST PERFORMANCE IN NEW YORK BY THE PHILADELPHIA-CHICAGO OPERA COMPANY.

Chicago Grand Opera Company, now advertised as the Philadelphia-Chicago Opera Company (since the close of the season in Chicago), gave the first in a series of performances in French at the Metropolitan Opera House Tuesday evening of last week. Massenet's opera, "Thais," was given, with the following cast:

Athana	
Nicias	Charles Dalmores
Palemon	Gustave Huberdeau
A Serv	Constantin Nicolay
Thais .	
Crobyle	Serafina Scalfaro
Myrtale	
Albine	

The principals in the cast are familiar to New Yorkers. and the opera likewise is an old story, since it was repeatedly sung at the Manhattan Opera House. Nevertheless the admirers of the singers and many more besides flocked to the Metropolitan, where every seat was occupied and the standing room space was filled to the limit. Signor Campanini, who had become a universal favorite during his leadership at the Manhattan, received an enthusiastic greeting as he took his place at the conductor's stand. Campanini had occupied that niche before, but that was in the early eighties, when he conducted opera for a brief season at the beginning of his career. The performance of "Thais" last week, sung in the original French text, was well received by the great audience.

On account of recent illness, apologies were asked for Mary Garden, but Miss Garden sang the role of Thais just as she formerly did at the Manhattan Opera House. first act last week, her singing, if anything, seemed worse than usual; nothing quite so unpleasant in the way of vocal utterance has been heard on the Metropolitan Opera House stage. As one of the New York daily papers expressed it: "Apologies were not necessary; her singing is an apology."

Mr. Renaud exhibited his histrionic ability as Athanael to good purpose, and he did the best he could with the remnant of a voice that remains to him. He is always the reliable artist.

Charles Dalmores, the great French tenor, once more proved his superb art; his opportunities in this opera of Massenet's are not many, but, like all artists of the first rank, his keen artistic sense and high order of intellige enabled him to lift a secondary role to a commanding place. It was good to see this splendid manly figure on the huge Metropolitan stage. Every movement was dignified and the facial expression, combined with his magnificent singing, afforded his auditors some moments of rare pleasure. This was Dalmores' first appearance on the Metropolitan stage, and the announcement that he is to appear numerous times in this special series of French opera will doubtless crowd the Metropolitan every time Dalmores sings. Here is a tenor who unites vocal and dramatic skill which is seldom revealed in one Campanini's magic baton the orchestral effects made the customary impression, particularly in "The Meditation," which had to be repeated. The solo in this number was played by that fine artist, Leopold Kramer, for-mer concertmeister of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra. The minor parts in the production of the opera were acceptably presented.

#### "Lohengrin," January 25.

Several American singers again distinguished themselves at the repetition of "Lohengrin" at the Metropolitan Opera House last Wednesday night. Herbert Witherspoon as the King combined his well schooled basso voice with his high order of intelligence, and best of all, with a pure enunciation of the German text that served as a lesson to some of his Teutonic colleagues. William Hinshaw, an-other American, sang the music of the Herald effectively. Three of the quartet of noble youths are Americans-Anna Case, Lillia Snelling and Henriette Wakefield. Their sweet voices and charming presence added to the picturesque second act. Slezak in the title role was not the mystic "Swan Knight" which Metropolitan Opera subscribers have witnessed in recent years. Walter Soomer as Telramund and generally he fell below the standard. No doubt Mr. Soomer was handicapped by being paired with Florence Wickham, the Ortrud of the evening, singer who is not in the rank with those able to undertake this difficult role.

Madame Fremstad's Elsa is familiar. This prima donna shows taste in dressing the part, but the music is unsuited

to her voice. As usual, when Mr. Hertz conducts, the poesy in the score was not manifested

#### "Orfeo ed Euridice," January 26.

Gluck's opera was presented last Thursday evening as a substitute for "Tristan und Isolde," this arrangement being due to the sudden indisposition of Carl Burrian, who "Orfeo ed Euridice" was given with the cast now so

familiar to New York opera goers, so that the individual work of each member hardly needs special mention at this

Marie Rappold as Euridice fulfilled the demands of her role in a most satisfying and artistic manner, while her histrionic work was invested with grace and freedom of action. Madame Rappold's voice is beautiful, and she made a most charming heroine of this classic and refined opera.

Alma Gluck's fresh lyric soprano voice was again heard with pleasure in the Elysian Fields scene. Louise Homer was the Orfeo. Toscanini conducted the performance in his usual masterly style.

#### "The Girl of the Golden West," January 27.

A large but undemonstrative and unenthusiastic audience witnessed another performance of "The Girl," whose incongruities do not disappear with subsequent hearings. Its jarring inconsistencies and inartistic disproportionate ness are everywhere evident, but the greatest absurdity is the Italian-American Indian. The various characters were taken by the original cast. Caruso seemed fatigued after his flying trip to Chicago. Amato as the Sheriff sang well, as usual. Destinn does not invest Minnie with characteristics congenital with the real "Girl." Dinh Gilly carried off the honors, as far as appearance and acting were concerned. He seems to have diagnosed well the rugged American Western spirit. De Segurola's song was artistic and well received, but his banjo, the plucking of which was inartistically expressed in the orchestra by the strings, added to the incongruousness of the opera. Toscanini conducted and the orchestra performed brilliantly.

#### "Romeo et Juliette," January 28 (Matinee).

The Capulets and Montagues fought again on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House last Saturday afternoon, when the smallest matinee audience of the season witnessed another performance of Gounod's melodic setting for Shakespeare's immortal love tragedy. This production of "Romeo et Juliette" is one of the least satisfactory achievements of the present management. For several reasons the poetic essence of the opera seemed to have vanished and the void was tinged with a flavor of languid Orientalism. Geraldine Farrar appeared a worldly wise The costume she wore in the first act was worthy of a Cleopatra or Poppea. Gounod's music is unsuited to the voice of this prima donna, for her singing throughout the afternoon was cause for regret. noff, the young Russian tenor, was not an alluring Romeo. Neither vocally nor dramatically did he measure up to the Metropolitan standards. Dinh Gilly as Mercutio imparted the correct touches of merriment to the ballroom scene, and in the time of conflict and tragedy rose manfully to the occasion. Allen Hinckley as Capulet and William Hinshaw as the Duke of Verona proved anew their worth as artists of ability. Rita Fornia as Stephano sang the serenade charmingly, and helped to make the second scene in the third act effective. Mr. Rothier, the Frere Laurent, represented the materialistic type of monk. The other parts were filled creditably. Mr. Podesti's conducting was listless. The audience was apathetic. The standing room space behind the orchestral rail was strangely silent and empty.

#### "Die Meistersinger," January 28.

For the second time this winter "Die Meistersinger" was given Saturday evening of last week. This was another in the series of benefit performances. The German Press Club received a share of the proceeds.

## Sunday Night Concert at the Metropolitan.

There was a fairly large audience at the Metropolitan Opera House Sunday night of this week to welcome the singers of the company who appeared in the regular weekly concert. Basil Ruysdael, who has an extraordinary voice, sang very artistically an aria from Mozart's seldom heard opera, "Abduction from the Seraglio." Henriette Wakefield first created an impression by her beautiful presence and then by her singing of three songs—"From the Land of the Sky Blue Water," by Cadman; "Blue Bell," by MacDowell, and "Im Herbst," by Robert Franz. Madame Wakefield's voice is a warm, sympathetic mezzo, and she is a most intelligent and attractive artist.

Pasquale Amato aroused frantic demonstrations twice during the evening. He sang for his first number an aria

from Verdi's "Masked Ball" and later the prologue from "Pagliacci." Madame Flahaut, announced to sing on the program, did not appear. 'Carl Burrian, the tenor, sang excerpt from the third act of "Tannhäuser," strange to tell, he used his notes, and again, not strange at all, disclosed that his voice is not for the concert field.

#### "Konigskinder," January 30.

The substitution of Carl Jörn for Herman Jadlowker in the role of the King's Son continues to be an improvement in the cast of Humperdinck's "Königskinder." Jörn sings with regard for the phrase and makes the most of his part musically and histrionically. The rest of the original cast maintain the high standard of achievement as before and Alfred Hertz shows no diminution of energy in sound and directorial gestures.

#### Lilla Ormond's New York Press Notices.

Lilla Ormond's recital in Mendelssohn Hall on the afternoon of January II was, without question, one of the very successful concerts in New York this winter. The young mezoz-soprano sang before a fine audience and her pro-gram as well as her singing earned ovations for the charming artist. The following extracts are taken from the New York daily papers:

Miss Ormond's French diction is better than her German, and is in truth uncommonly good. In the French songs she seemed quite in her element, and she gave them with real style and delicate sentiment. She put something more into the recitative and aria from Debussy's early work. "L'Enfant Prodigue." D'Indy's "Madrigal" is an interesting song, after the manner of certain old French chansons, and Miss Ormond sang it with much grace.—New York Times, lanuary 12, 1611. lanuary 12, 1911.

Lilla Ormond, contralto, gave her first song recital of the season in Mendelssohn Hall yesterday afternoon. She was particularly successful with a group of songs in English by Messrs. Cadman, Huhn, Ronald and Chadwick, which ended the program. Mr. Cadman's "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water" and Mr. Huhn's "Back to Ireland" she had to repeat.—New York Herald, Thursday.

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Lilla Ormond gave a song recital at Mendelssohn Hall yesterday afternoon before a large and fashionable audience. Miss Ormond's voice is that of a mezzo soprano of pleasing quality and she sings with taste. Her program was divided into three parts, the first German, mainly Schubert and Schumann; the second, French, illustrating Debussy and D'Indy, and the third, English, including the two Cadman suites, the Japanese and the Indian.—Evening World, Thursday.

An audience of goodly proportions and of more than usual social brilliancy gathered at Mendelssohn Hall yesterday afternoon at a song recital given by Lilla Ormond, a young Boston singer. Miss Ormond's program was of catholic interest, containing in its first group songs by Schubert, Schumann and Bruckler; in its second, songs by French composers, and in its final a group of American ons.

Miss Ormond possesses a voice of moderate volume, of good natu ral quality, being exceptionally pure and sweet in mezzo voce, and one that is, in the main, under admirable control. Her delicacy of phrasing and the fine feeling she showed in the Schumann and Schubert numbers were especially praiseworthy.—New York Tribune.

Lilla Ormond, mezzo soprano, was heard in song recital yesterday afternoon by an interested audience, who delighted in the rich quality of the singer's voice and gave evidence of their pleasure in liberal applause. A group of modern German songs was followed by a group of French songs, and the recital closed with a number of interesting works by American composers, including Cadman's interesting Indian picture, "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water," and Bruno Huhn's "Back to Ireland," which was encored.—Evening Telegram.

There might be some discussion as to whether Miss Ormond is a mezzo soprano or a contralto. Perhaps it would be more correct to call her a mezzo contralto. Her voice has considerable gravity and she carries her chest tones high. It is an agreeable organ, full and expressive, and is generally well controlled. She sang with feeling and the charm of her personality stood her in good stead.—New York Press.

A singer whose name will probably get into the biographic dictionaries of musicians some day is Lilla Ormond. Madame Nordica has taken a special interest in her, and those who hold that the "old Italian method" consisted in listening to great voices and imitating them may find further confirmation of the excellence of that method in the case of Miss Ormond, whose mezzo soprano voice is one of rare beauty of quality and remarkable flexibility. She knows how to breathe, and that enables her, not only to sing without effort, but to phrase correctly.

to phrase correctly.

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After a group of German lieder, which the writer unfortunately missed, Miss Ormond sang a number of French songs by Debussy, D'Indy, Paladilhe and Huhn, with such piquant charm and grace and elegance of vocal style and diction that it seemed to stamp her unmistakably as a Parisienne. But after singing of Huhn's "Back to Ireland," in the next group, everybody felt sure that she must be of Irish descent, which is the case. It had the unique charm of aboriginal folksong, and so did her singing of two melodies which were among the encores demanded, Lemaire's "Vouse danses" and the Scotch "Leezie Lindesy."

A beautiful voice and a winsome personality have aided Miss Ormond to the success which so many seek in vain; but the chief factor, after all, is her possession of temperament. Unlike most singers, she bears in mind at every moment that exact import of words she sings, and this enables her to impress her audience with the poetic as well as the musical beauties of her songs. Among those which the audience redemanded was Cadman's "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water," on the principle of all's well that ends well; but the audience insisted on having more.—New York Evening Post.

## GRAND OPERA IN BOSTON.

#### BOSTON OPERA HOUSE.

An operatic week of repetitions, enlisting many of the old favorites in the differing roles, with here and there a change of cast, as when Mr. Zenatello essayed the part of Canio for the first time in the performance of "Paglion Monday evening, followed one after the other in the appended order.

#### "Pipe of Desire" and "Pagliacci," January 23.

Mr. Martin once again was the principal in Converse's opera, with Miss Dereyne a charming Naoia in the first, transformed into the brilliant Nedda of the second, offering of the evening.

#### "Carmen," January 25.

Maria Gay, Giovanni Zenatello, Alice Nielsen and George Baklanoff were principals in the gala performance of "Carmen" given Wednesday evening. As nothing new may be added in praise of the high standard of excellence set by the members of the cast individually and collective ly, it is only sufficient to say that, acceding to the public clamor, Director Russell has arranged for an extra performance of this opera, with the same cast, to be given next Saturday evening, Madame Gay and Zenatello consenting to remain a week longer for this purpose

#### "Girl of the Golden West," January 27.

What threatened to be a serious catastrophe was only narrowly averted by the high courage and presence of mind of Florencio Constantino, who took his wonted part



ALICE NIELSEN AS MADAMA BUTTERFLY.

of Dick Johnson in this performance. All had been going smoothly, the members vying with one another in the gen-eral excellency of their individual interpretations, when the horse on which Constantino makes his entree in the closing act suddenly slipped on one of the scenic rocks and fell to the stage below, carrying Mr. Constantino with The famous tenor was quickly extricated from his perilous position, and, although suffering severely from painful abrasions and fright, he carried his role through with undiminished ardor.

## "Aida," January 28 (Matinee).

The closing performance of "Aida" with the strong ensemble had, still further to strengthen it, the thoughtfully dignified impersonation of Mr. Baklanoff's Ethiopian King. Mr. Zenatello was the stern soldier willing to expiate his sin of the attempted betrayal of his country by death, and Madame Gay was again the passionate woman forgetting all for love of Radames.

#### "Madama Butterfly," January 28.

As this heroine Alice Nielsen may be said to justify the choice of theme, since the gentle Japanese maiden would have no truer interpreter among the singing tragediennes of today than Miss Nielsen. Stature, voice and all physical attributes are in her favor, while with those she com-bines the gentleness and grace that are the birthright of the downtrodden women of the Orient. When such a one commits "hari-kari" it has a different meaning than the word suicide to us. With them it is a religious cere-mony, a putting oneself out of the way for the sake of another's happiness. Miss Nielsen carries this out not as the injured Italian heroine of a blood and thunder melodrama, but as one who knows her fate and meets it uncomplainingly; struggling forth only at the close when she

hears the loved one's voice-a case of the ruling passion strong in death. So much for her histrionic conception, but what of the story told in tones? A vocal story vitally and significantly rendered, with every nuance of the text finding its perfect counterpart in the consummate art of this mistress of song. Perfection only may describe this portrayal, a perfection that met its just reward in the acclaim of the large and enthusiastic audience present. Mr. Conti, with his usual shortcomings, allowed the brasses to be come too prominent for the interests of good ensemble.

#### Boston Opera Note.

The first grand operatic concert of the season is announced to take place Sunday evening, February 5, with Alice Nielsen and Florencio Constantino as principals, in addition to a full chorus and orchestra.

#### Hugh Allan as Sharpless.

In the role of Sharpless, the American Consul, in Puccini's Japanese opera, "Madama Butterfly," Hugh Allan scored one of his notable successes with the Montreal Opera Company last December. The following notice is from the Montreal Gazette of December 17, 1910:

One of the largest audiences of the season turned out last nig o see "Madame Butterfly" at His Majesty's, with Alice Niels a the title role, the house being much larger than when Miss Nien made her initial appearance in the same parc on Wednesd

evening.

The most interesting study of the cast was Hugh Allan, whose work has steadily improved throughout the season. Although a very young man, whose career on the operatic stage has been short, he is not merely full of promise, but excellent in performance, and his work as Sharpless, the American Consul, was really good. An American born, he sang like an Italian, but conducted himself like an American, with sufficient dignity and reserve to support his part.

The appended paragraph from the Montreal Witness of December 12 gives more evidence of Mr. Allan's success:

Hugh Allan has always been adequate, in the widest sense of that word. He has taken all sorts of parts, and has "filled the bill" intelligently, and to the satisfaction of every one who can appreciate a gentleman on the stage. He is a student of character and for quite a young man understands many of its subtle gradations.

#### Madame Gardner-Bartlett's Musicale.

Caroline Gardner-Bartlett invited a number of her friends to a musicale given in her studio, 257 West Eightysixth street, Thursday evening of last week. Among the guests were Jeanne Jomelli, Arturo Tibaldi, Harvey W. Loomis, William Funk, Louis Blumenberg, Charles Joseph Dyer, Grace Clark, W. F. Chauncey, Nicholas Homance, Mr. Glidden, Katherine Hunt and Alfred Hunter Clark.

Madame Jomelli, who was in magnificent voice, sang several Wagner numbers, and some modern French selections. Arturo Tibaldi played a number of violin compositions, and Katherine Hunt, of Boston, a young woman, who has been studying solely with Madame Bartlett, sang ome attractive songs.

Friday afternoon of last week Madame Bartlett gave a pupils' recital at which she presented the following students, who are now under her tuition: Grace Brewster (a niece of Julia Marlowe), W. F. Chauncey, Elsa Randall, of Kansas City; Grace Gibson, of Nebraska; Miss Benz, of Seattle; Kate Berger, Ella Kraus, Jean Galbraith, of Missouri (now with Savage); Marie F. Lindholm, and Katherine Hunt, of Boston.

#### Elman Electrifies Newarkers.

Mischa Elman was directly responsible for an unprecedented spectacle in Wallace Hall, Newark, N. J., last Friday evening. The fame of this remarkable young man was such as to cause the Newarkers to turn out in such numbers that it was necessary to bring in several hundred extra chairs and even the platform was filled with enthusiastic hearers.

Newark has the reputation of being very lethargic in

matters of art, but the lethargy disappeared at the name of Elman, for the house was sold out a week ahead. The demonstration accorded the violinist was one rarely tendered an artist in that city, and there were many present who admitted that better violin playing had never been heard.

Elman's program consisted of "Sympho (Lalo), sonata, D major (Handel), "Ständchen" (Schubert-Elman), "Rigaudon" (Monsigny-Franko), andantino (Martini-Kreisler), "Schön Rosmarin" (Kreisler), "Meditation" (Cottenet), "I Palpiti" (Paganini). Percy Kahn was the accompanist.

#### Beebe-Dethier Engagements.

Engagements during February for the sonata recitals by Carolyn Beebe (pianist) and Edouard Dethier (violinist) are as follows: Boston, February 7; Columbus Ohio, February 14; Sewickley, Pa., February 15; Chicago, February 22; Topeka, Kan., February 23; Emporia, Kan., February 24; New York City, February 28.

## GRAND OPERA IN PHILADELPHIA.

#### METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE.

PHILADELPHIA, January 26, 1911.

A complete season of opera is assured to Philadelphia, despite all rumors to the contrary, according to a statement given out last Wednesday evening, during the per-formance of "Carmen" by Andreas Dippel. The general The general manager said: "During my entire career I have always found that it was most reasonable and profitable to take the public into my confidence. Therefore I deem it wise to publish some facts concerning the receipts of the first week of operations of the opera company in Philadelphia, contradicting these rumors that we were doing poor busi-

The average receipts of the four performances given during the first week are \$270 per performance in excess of last season's performances, notwithstanding the fact that Mary Garden was too ill to appear during this period, thus depriving the company of one of its principal artists. The receipts of "Aida" were by \$443 in excess of those of the average receipts of this opera during last season. The receipts of "Carmen" were \$949 in excess of the average receipts of this opera during last season. The receipts of "Thais" were by \$247 less than the average receipts of this opera during last season, but certainly would have been far greater had Miss Garden been able to appear. If, therefore, the public is under the impression that the audience is smaller than last season, it only emphasizes the fact that formerly the house was dressed by giving away a large number of complimentary tickets.

Philadelphia Opera Company will not follow this policy."
The apecial representative of The Musical Courses took opportunity during his stay in the Quaker City to interview several local professionals, bankers, society folks and newspaper men on the operatic situation here, and invariably the reasons given were to the effect that the Philadelphians were not musical enough to support operas per week: that the city has no floating population like New York or Chicago; that the Metropolitan Opera Company's weekly visit was all that the city desired and needed, and that the musical profession in general was too poor to pay the fancy prices asked by the

new management.

There is another reason which, though not mentioned the writer, proves to be one of the foremost factors in the public's poor support of the opera, namely: Phi'a-delphians, who are well known for their civic pride, cannot understand why the company opened its doors in Chicago instead of making its début in this city, and the writer has learned from reliable sources that should Philadelphia be on the map of the cities to be visited next season by the Philadelphia-Chicago Grand Opera Company, this city would be the first visited. Yet another rumor is to the effect that the company is not coming here next season, but will be heard instead in San Francisco and Los Anwith Madame Tetrazzini as the chief attraction. How much truth may be in these reports is not known, but it looks as if Philadelphia will have to show more en thusiasm in order to attract another season of grand opotherwise the management will be compelled, doubt, to withdraw its artists from this unmusical town,

To the writer the West appears far more musical than in the East, barring New York City. Chicago now easily ranks second and far ahead of Boston. Minneapolis and Minneapolis and St. Paul, with a population of about a third of Philadel-phia, do better for the uplifting of music than the Quaker City, and so forth along the lines. Then back to the Middle and Far West, where they support good music and musicians RENE DEVRIES

#### "Carmen," January 25.

A brilliant audience attended the first presentation this season of the opera "Carmen," given with a new Don Jose and Marguerita Sylva in the title role. Under the direction of Campanini the opera received a beautiful reading and repeated applause greeted the orchestra, particularly the introduction to the last act, which Campanini graciously acknowledged. The Don Jose of Guardabassi lacked Marguerita Sylva looked and acted the part of the typical coquette. Zeppilli as Michaela won the real uccess of the evening in the portrayal of the part of the little country girl. In the duet she was charming, although the tenor lacked familiarity with his lines rather spoiling the smooth effect necessary to this gem of the opera. In the solo, however, Michaela in every way gave an effective reading of the lines, singing with sincerity and exquisite sweetness. The quintet was delightful and the duet of the fortune tellers in the third act tuneful.

#### "La Boheme," January 27.

Lillian Grenville as Mimi (a new Mimi to Philadelphia) scored a distinct success last evening in her portrayal of the pathetic little French girl of the Latin quarter, and although in the first act a slight trace of nervousness caused lack of full tone in the aria, she worked up to the part in effective and artistic manner rousing her audience (one

of the most brilliant of the season) to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Her voice is of very beautiful quality, which, added to her very sincere work as an artist and a most attractive stage presence makes her one of the most winning stars of the Philadelphia-Chicago Grand Opera Company. John McCormack as Rodolfo was in splendid voice gave true Bohemian atmosphere to his poet lover. The duet in the first act was charming effectiveness and the two voices blend perfectly. McCormack sings with distinction and good style, the voice hav vibrant tone; this, together with his inimitable manner, makes him one with this role. The Musette of Zeppili was undoubtedly the success of the evening. naivete, her charming irresponsibility and vixenish impersonation of the spoiled coquette fairly captivated the audience, and the long solo in the second act brought forth a storm of applause. The ensemble work of the opera is to be commended for its smoothness and good tonal qual-



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ANDREAS DIPPEL.

ity, and for the true Bohemian spirit with which the opera was carried through its entire score. The Marcel of Sammarco was particularly good, his voice having just the nicety of balance suitable to the role. Perosio gave a satisfactory reading of the score.

### "Louise," January 28 (Matinee'.

"Louise" was sung at the Saturday matinee with Mary Garden in her familiar role. She sang the part in the usual inartistic style. Charles Daimores as Julien the lover was really the star of the performance. His voice and art atone for the shortcomings of some of his colleagues. This tenor sang the music with superb beauty of tone and that distinction that lifts French opera to its proper sphere.

#### "Il Trovatore," January 28 (Evening'.

The old favorite "Il Trovatore" drew the largest audience of the season at the Saturday evening performance, being the second popular opera night. The Philadelphia debut of the new soprano, Jeanne Korolewicz, was most accessful; her charming birdlike tones and unusual beauty of person made an instant place for her as a grand opera favorite. The performance throughout was spirited and intense in its dramatic action. The principals were admirably selected although the Azucena of Eleonora de Cisneros lacked color and warmth. The Manrico of Zerola was admirably sung, his voice equal to every tonal phase of the music was unusually effective, reaching the dramatic art required in the role and caused intense enthusiasm in the first aria. The "Di Quella Pira" was sung with such wealth of tone and action that he was compelled to repeat the aria. The staging was effective and beautiful, the reading of score by Parelli admirable and the ensemble work of the chorus brilliant and convincing. The prison duet, ever a favorite part of the opera, was repeated after insistent applause. The garden scene revealed here for the first time was a wonderful piece of stage work.

#### Brown Concert Direction Signs Dadmun.

Royal F. Dadmun, the popular young basso cantante, is to concertize in the United States and Canada under the management of E. S. Brown.

#### SUNDAY CONCERTS IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Ill., January 29, 1911.
The Grand Opera House, which harbored the second annual recital of George Hamlin, was comfortably filled with society, music lovers and professionals this afternoon. Mr. Hamlin, a native son, gives the lie to the proverb, "No man is without honor save in his own country" and again the Chicago tenor proved his popularity, each number on the program being received with much applause and each group of songs eliciting an encore. Mr. Hamlin is a master program maker. His selections afford many opportunities to show his versatility. His numbers included operatic and oratorio arias and lieder sung in four lan-

guages-English, German, French and Italian, in all of which the diction and enunciation of the singer was ex-

The first group was made up of oratorio numbers by Haydn and Handel. Mr. Hamlin is well known as an oratorio singer. His delivery of "Sound an Alarm" from Judas Maccabaeus" was such that the audience insisted upon an encore for which he gave "Plague of Love," by Dr. Arnold. The German group consisted of selections by Strauss, Reger, Brahms and Schumann, each one admir-Strauss, Reger, Branms and Schumann, each one admirably rendered by the recitalist. "In Rosen Linden" was the encore given after this group. The third group was made up of popular operatic selections from "Bohemian Girl," "Le Roi d'Ys, "Martha" and "Elaine." Mr. Hamlin, without doubt, would have been a successful operatic singer had he decided on this for a career, as his voice has the volume and brilliancy necessary in the operation field and his rendition of each one of the above arias would have done credit to many operatic singers.

Lalo's aria from "Le Roi d'Ys" was a gem in interpre-tation and never before has Mr. Hamlin been more successful in any French song. The aria is well suited to his style. The program concluded with a group of English songs. Mr. Hamlin was assisted by Charles Lurvey, a pedantic pianist, whose mannerisms at the keyboard were ndignified. Mr. Lurvey, despite these shortcomings. played worthy accompaniments.

At Baldwin Hall Dr. Carver Williams, the basso, furnished the vocal program and met with success.

Busoni has been re-engaged by Wessels and Voegeli to give a recital in Orchestra Hall on Sunday afternoon. RENE DEVRIES

#### Censure for the Critics.

Musical critics have a funny way of fancying that con-certs are given for them. A good many of them, to be sure, are given for the sake of press notices. But those the minor concerts, which do not count. portant concerts are given for the public, and among those who constitute the public there are few who attend concerts as frequently as the critics do; consequently, when these scribes complain that certain works, "New World" symphony, or Tschaikowsky's "Pathétique, or the "Tannhäuser" overture, or Grieg's "Peer Gynt' suite, are hackneyed and should be shelved, they speak for themselves, ignoring the fact that to many thousands these master works are actually novelties, heard with thrills of delight, while many other thousands have heard them only once or twice.-New York Evening Post.

## Madame Ohrstrom-Renard's Musicale.

Augusta Ohrstrom-Renard, the vocal teacher, gave a musicale and reception Friday afternoon of last week at her new studio-residence, 465 Central Park West, in honor of her pupil, Anna Case, of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Many friends and colleagues called to pay their respects to Madame Renard and meet her charming young pupil. Karl Fell, a baritone, sang the romanza to "The Evening Star" from "Tannhäuser." May Corinne, a pupil Evening Star" from "Tannnauser. May Collinia, of the hostess, sang the "Bell Song" from "Lakme." Case added greatly to the interest of the program by singing a group of songs, beginning with "Caro mio ben" by Giordano and a little song by herself, entitled "Revelation." Later the lovely voice of the young singer was heard in the "Casta Diva" aria from "Norma."

Philip Hale on Richard Strauss: "The melody of Strauss is chiefly diatonic, and melodic invention is not his strong-est characteristic. As a melodist he is nearer Brahms than Wagner, Weber, Tschaikowsky, . Verdi. themes have a common physiognomy, and they are individual. Nor is it too much to say that his whole inspiration is diatonic rather than chromatic. As a developer of themes, as a polyphonist, Strauss is a virtuoso of amazing brilliance, and whatever may be thought of his aims, and
—is recklessness the word?—his wildest pieces are by
no means without a certain unity. His inspiration is not versatile; his thought, wherever it be directed, wears the same face. His orchestration is almost always interest-And, after all, is his polyphony art? ing. Is not his genius sometimes hidden by tumes of Dionysiac drunkenness'? There are these thoughts, and Jean Marnold has voiced them admirably."

# LYDIA LIPKOWSKA.

## ONE OF BOSTON'S FAVORITE PRIMA DONNAS.

With talent of a certain order running riot and artists feverishly elamoring for public recognition, it is thoroughly refreshing to find a young singer so eminently endowed for a great career that she is able to win success at all points. Lydia Lipkowska, of the Boston Opera Company, is the singer in question.

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In the long resumé of the Chicago Opera season by Eric Delamarter, Madame Lipkowska is selected for special mention among the galaxy of stars who helped carry through the operatic season of the Windy City, with such great éclat. Later, in her recent appearance with that organization in Philadelphia, the press and public were equally impressed, not only with the marvelous witchery of the project but also with that certain intangible something her voice, but also with that certain intangible something called personality, the possession of which spells success at the outset. How great this success has been, is told in the appended press notices.

But there was no element of novelty in any one of them; there were no great and be-haloed stars—excepting the appearance of Lydia Lipkowska, from the Boston opera—to fascinate through personality. Madame Lipkowska was warmly received by both musicians and general public. Her apearance in "Lucia" was sec-

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onded by a personal triumph in "Rigoletto." The latter opera was given one Saturday afternoon, and though the audience was not large, it insisted on curtain call after curtain call.—Eric Delamarter, in the Boston Transcript, January 21, 1911.

This performance introduced in this city Lydia Lipkowska, the Russian coloratura soprano, who is connected with the Boston organization and who was loaned for the evening.

For the first time we had really visualized for us by this petite, young, graceful and beautiful girl the role of Gilda, the unfortunate daughter of the humpbacked Fool, who suffered for his unpopularity ruin and death.

She is as pretty a picture as one may wish to look upon and she is the personification of dainty and exquisite girlish grace.

Her voice is a clear, graceful and limpid lyrical thing in keeping with herself, and her use of it characterized by a refinement and finish such as might be expected from her.

She sang the purple patches of the familiar work with a charming technic and with resourceful case. In the "Care Nome" she revealed the full bag of vocal tricks which go to make the coloratura's art and concluded with a high E which was startling in its purity of tone, its volume and its sustained power.

She acted the role with so much girlishness and such a semblance of innocence, which belong to it, but which we never have seen from its more mature interpreters, that it was a real delight to see her as well as to hear her. Altogether, the local debut of the pretty and charming Lipkowska may be said to have been a great success. We understand that she is to be brought back for other of her roles and we carnestly hope that Director Dippel will do so.—Philadelphia Star, January 23, 1911.

The Gilda was Lydia Lipkowska, a young Russian soprano, eminently fitted for the role in figure and bearing. She is bright, sweet and petite, very girlish in appearance, probably the littlest Gilda Philadelphia audiences have ever seen. And to this it need only be added that she was also the most perfect realization of the character seen and heard here for a generation, and those who have heard other representations will appreciate how much the success

of last night's performance is owing to Madame Lipkowska's art.— Philadelphia Item, January 22, 1911.

Lipkowska has a light and beautifully toned soprano voice, and she soon demonstrated its power when it came to her duet with the Duke, which was admirably sung by both artists. She has a dainty, girlish figure and looked an ideal Gilda in her pale blue gown, and with her golden hair falling gracefully over shoulders. Throughout the entire opera the Russian singer sang the florid music of the role with exquisite grace, flexibility and fluency. Her rare artistry was particularly shown and warmly appreciated in her singing of "Care Nome."—Philadelphia Press, January 22, 1911.

One thing to the singer's advantage was the fact that the role of Gilda suited her exactly, both musically and physically. Hers is a gentle personality, admirably suited to the character of the heroine Verdi adopted from Victo Hugo, as is her clear soprano voice with its beautiful modulations to the coloratura passages, written by the Italian master.—Philadelphia Record, January 22, 1911.

Madame Lipkowska is a singer somewhat after the order of Marcella Sembrich in the sparkle and brilliancy of her florid coloratura. The role of Gilda is well adapted to her voice, for the reasons that have made the part so great a favorite of the prima donna of this school ever since Nantier-Didice, Bosio and Miolan-Carvalho first sang it many years ago.—Philadelphia Public Ledger, January 22, 1911.

To Madame Lipkowska was intrusted the difficult task of filling a role in this city, glorified for two seasons by the fluent lyric art of Luisa Tetrazzini. She emerged from the ordeal with not a few deserved laurela. This comely Russian singer possesses an equipment that will serve her to excellent purpose in the bel canto roles, which can be safely assigned now to so comparatively few divas of the operatic stage.—Philadelphia North American, January 22, 1911.

#### Kronold Cello Recital February 8.

Hans Kronold, the favorite cellist, who is becoming widely known as a composer also, announces his annual cello recital, Wednesday evening, February 8, in Mendelssohn Hall, Edw. Rechlin at the piano. His program

Larghetto from sonata (D major)
Bourree from third suite for cello
LarghettoMozart
Minuetto
Sarabande and Tambourin
Concerto in D minor, No. 1 (first movement) Edouard Lalo
LiebestraumLiszt-Grinauer
ArlequinPopper
WaldesruheDvorak
Spinning WheelKronold
Fantasie Orientale, (La Mort de la Favorite)Kronold

In the last number of his program, the composer Kronold has endeavored to portray a dramatic story, concerning the life and fate of a young Druze girl, Dilama, member of the Turkish harem. She falls in love with Murad, but is promised to Ahmed. On the eve of her wedding her dancing is interrupted; her lover has returned, and h stabs Ahmed, Dilama takes her own life, and Murad steals away to the desert.

#### Success of Another McLellan Pupil.

Hardly a day during the season passes that Eleanor Mc-Lellan does not receive good news of some pupil. Last week Emma F. Kramlich, the contralto, a pupil of the McLellan studio, made her teacher happy by showing her the following paragraphs from the daily papers of Allen-

town, Pc.:

Greatest local interest centered in the contralto soloist, Emma Kramlich, a graduate of our own Oratorio Society, and now a church choir soloist and teacher of music in New York City. She is studying there with Eleanor McLellan. She exceeded all expectations and held up her end very well. Her alto is one of natural purity and she has a charming manner. She sang with her whole heart and gave to each note its correct interpretation. The applause that followed each number attested to the deep feeling stirred in the audience.—Allentown Item.

The feature of the concert was the honor paid an Allentow girl, Emma Kramlich, the alto soloist, who made good exceeding all expectations. To the alto soloist goes the gem of the oratori "For He Shall Feed His Flock." In this her voice was at its full, round, rich and sympathetic. All the tenderness of the Go Shepherd was breathed out in the expression of the touching must and comforting worda.—Allentown Call.

#### Evan Williams a Great Traveler.

Some idea of the work and traveling that Evan Williams, the tenor, is doing may be gathered from the fact that he has already traveled more than 25,000 miles this season. In Wisconsin, he sang in Marquette on January 25 for the third time since the present season opened, each time with increasing success; Appleton on January 30; Sheboygan on January 31; and is booked for Racine on Feb-

ruary 2, St. Louis on February 6, Peoria on February 9, after which he insists upon ten days of rest. Following this he appears at Saginaw, February 18; Worcester, February 21; Scranton, February 23; Utica, February 24, and gives New Yorkers an opportunity to hear him with the New York Oratorio Society on February 28, after which he goes to Canada. Press notices from the various cities in which Mr. Williams appears comment in glowing terms upon his singing.

#### Zerola as Raoul in "The Huguenots."

The appended notices from the daily papers of Chicago indicate that Nicola Zerola has achieved another triumph in the Lake Michigan metropolis as Raoul in 'The Hugue-

Zerola, the tenor robusto of the company, brought forth as Raoul several commendable phases of his art. He sang the "Fairer Thau Fairest Lily" aria, one of the most difficult songs in the opera, with nine musical understanding and with good vocal effect.—Chicago Examiner.

The role of Raoul de Nangis happened fortunately to fall to that artist, Nicola Zerola, who has the stature to make it truly heroic and the voice to make its music soaring and telling. He gave it the fine carriage of nobility, gracing the action with sufficient spirit to make it impressive, and he rang out his high B flats with a roundness that gave great joy to the uttermost heights of the gallery.—Chicago Daily News.

For the first time this season Nicola Zerola came into his own. The role of Raoul is pompous and absurd, but the music lies exactly right for his voice. He made the most of the opportunity. The high notes came out with trumpet power, true to pitch (even the C), and of a luscious tone quality. It is, strange that his most effective appearance should have been in this wooden role, but no



NICOLA ZEROLA AS RAOUL IN THE "HUGUENOTS."

one worried over the absurdities of the action so long as he con tinued to vitalize the melodies with a tone of rich texture.—Chicago

She (Madame Gadski) and Mr. Zerola made a climax that was worth hearing, with tones of beauty and magnificent volume. That duet had heart in the music; there was something to sing, and when the time came they did it gloriously.—Chicago Evening Post.

Mr. Zerola, the Raoul of the cast, had in Meyerbeer's music the opportunities which were particularly suited to his style. He is not an accomplished actor, but the conventional gestures of the operatic stage are sufficient unto the requirements of his role.—Felix Borowski, in Chicago Record-Herald.

#### Behrens Recital Program.

Cecile M. Behrens, pianist, will give the following program in Mendelssohn Hall, on February 10, assisted by Leo Schulz, cellist:

The music of "Thais" may not be great music, but it is certainly music that makes the effect that the master hand that planned it intended it should make. Moreover, it is music subtle in its apt delineation of character, and suggestive in its emotional mood and psychologic developAP.

## RHYTHM AND TEMPO RUBATO.

[FROM THE LONDON TIMES, APRIL 16, 1910.]

"In the beginning was rhythm," was one of Bülow's favorite critical epigrams, and all music teachers and anthro-pologists alike would agree with him. We have all of us in our youth been taught on orthodox evolutionary principles consciously to copy our remote ancestors, quire the elements of artistic performance by hitting some sound producing instrument at precisely regular intervals; and many books, especially in recent years, have expounded the æsthetic basis and importance of this attainment. Comparatively little, however, seems to have been written about what may be called the "higher rhythm"—the ability to hit nd producing instrument at not precisely regular, but nevertheless artistically agreeable, intervals. No doubt this partial neglect is mainly due to the obvious fact that it cannot be systematically taught in the same direct manner; but some recently published remarks on the subject by M. Paderewski (incorporated in H. T. Finck's "Success in Paderewski (incorporated in H. T. Finck's "Success in Music") show how wide a field it presents for consideration. Tantalizingly brief though M. Paderewski's essay is, the literature of practical music contains few more luminous and interesting pages; and its value is by no means diminished if its readers happen at times to disagree on minor issues

This "higher rhythm" is ordinarily known as tempo rubato, but the term is open to serious objections. Etymologically it lacks precision and may easily be misleading: "stolen time" is not at all a convincing way of putting the matter. Few performers pay any heed to the stern moralwho demand the accurate balancing of the musical ledger at periodical intervals, so that any slight lingering shall be exactly paid for by an equally slight hurrying, whether within the same bar (as the straiter sect would or within the same melodic sentence. Any conscious effort to attain this ideal could hardly result in anything but the uncomfortable rigidity of a metronome without its satisfying steadiness. We may speak of taking the whole phrase as the rhythmical unit, but that need not necessarily imply that it will be of mathematically equal duration to the same number of bars played metronomically Again, there is the saying ascribed to Chopin, that tempo rubato is the combination of free time in the right hand and strict time in the left—which does not, if taken literally, seem at all helpful. The simile of a tree with firm trunk and quivering leaves, which Chopin certainly em-ployed in speaking of the matter to his pupils, exactly expresses the truth; but we have to feel in each separate case how that effect may best be produced, not to pin our faith to one merely mechanical method.

We should, perhaps, rather speak habitually of "free" or "flexible tempo." M. Padergwski suggests "evasive movement." "Emotion," he says categorically, "excludes regularity." As an axiom, this seems somewhat overstated. We easily think of music the whole emotional force of which depends on the relentless regularity of the rhythm. The finale of Schubert's last symphony is, perhaps, the greatest example, or again, on a smaller scale, there is the main theme of the finale of Chopin's sonata in B minor. But rhythms like these are exceptional, and, on the whole, the dictum may be allowed to stand, with the insistently necessary proviso that there are many different kinds of irregularity, and also many different kinds of emotion. we might confine ourselves to a negative definition and use the term "non-metronomic rhythm." The metronome is a useful aid for unmusical children (though even then, unless it is set so as to synchronize with the shortest notes played, all kinds of things may, and frequently do, happen between its beats); but otherwise it is a pure snare and delusion. No doubt every composer ought to metronomize his compositions, but he need only take out his watch, play quite naturally for fifteen seconds, and then multiply the main beats by four—that will give sufficient guidance and obviate the serious misconceptions that otherwise may quite innocently But it is necessary to try playing to a metronome and to feel its extraordinarily hampering effect, in order to realize how non-metronomic (even if only slightly so) good performances ordinarily are; and as soon as the metronomic yoke is broken, however microscopically and momentarily, we have something which, whether it be good or bad, is tempo rubato,

Many, perhaps, fail to grasp this, simply through conceiving rubato only as something uncommon and extreme. They do not see that the particular kinds of very palpably flexible rhythm to which they would restrict the term are nothing but the natural and inevitable extensions of a principle applicable, in a greater or less degree, to the performance of ninety-nine out of a hundred compositions of almost any age or style—so long, that is to say, as the performer is a human being and not a barrel organ. Just as to the pianist, whether in Bach or in Debussy, humanized

tone normally necessitates pedalling and freely vibrating strings, so humanized expression normally necessitates some measure of rubato. Of course at times special tone effects will demand entire absence of pedal, just as special emotional effects will demand metronomic rhythm; but in either case (and the parallel seems curiously close) it is on the precisian, the Musical Pharisee, that the burden of self justification is thrown.

Few would venture to deny that the Joachim Quartet represented the acme of classicism. Its greatest detractors, even in their most curiously haphazard utterances, never accused it of hysterical license or of sacrificing intellectual to sensuous and emotional considerations. But, alike in the older and in the newer music, its playing was full of rubato. It was very subtly present, in some form or another, in nearly every bar, and not infrequently it was palpable even to the most careless listener. The beautiful phrasing of the second subject of the first movement of Mozart's E flat quartet, for example, showed, under a cold dissection, about a dozen different crotchet values; and the viola solo in the Agitato of Brahms' B flat Quartet. whether in the hands of Herr Wirth or of Herr Klingler, was nothing short of amazingly "inaccurate" from the metronomic standpoint. And so with Joachim's own solo playing. Naturally, a Hungarian dance gave him more scope for rhythmical license than the Beethoven concerto, but neither in one nor in the other was there any undue anxiety about the exact equalization of the beats. Similarly with Señor Casals' magnificent performances of Bach's violoncello suites, and among pianists the magic of M. Paderewski's rhythm is a household word, even though, curiously enough, his Bach playing is, as a rule, more metronomic than that of many artists who have never been labelled as romantic. And among the great names of the past let us take Beethoven himself. We know, on the explicit authority of his friend Schindler, that he was a rubato player in the most definite sense of the term—quite as much so, probably, as was Chopin.

No secrets of musical performance are so deep and incommunicable as those of fine flexible rhythm. Nevertheless, they can be analyzed to some slight extent, though mainly in negatives. There must be breadth. Nothing must be clipped (as is so often the case with stiff rhythm that vainly imagines itself to be strictly accurate)—we may accelerate the beats if we please, but every note must be large, every demisemiquaver organic. There must be no hysterical gulps or gusts of feeling to break the vividly pulsating general flow, and there must be nothing to stand in the way of structural homogeneity and the steadiness of what may be called the crests of the accentuation. unless a performer naturally has free rhythm in the blood. any attempt to copy an artist only results in a rigid incoherence infinitely worse than any quantity of metronomic exactitude. Still, the power often grows by listening and reflection, and children not infrequently have the germ of it, though in many cases it is criminally crushed by teachers who do not know the difference between proper rubato and "playing out of time." There are, indeed, editions of the classical piano music which try in various ways to assist the performer's sense of rhythm; but in the majority of their help is only a hindrance. The very essence rubato is that (apart from a few more or less persistently, and therefore measurably, irregular dance rhythms) it is too subtle to be indicable in musical notation. Any formulæ are too dogmatic and clumsy for its imperceptible gradation and swing. Excessive conscious attention to rhythmical niceties may very easily lead to their exaggeration, just as Chopin's fiorituri, written in continuous grace notes and sometimes stretching right over the bar lines, are utterly ruined by the ponderously conscientious editors who break them up into definite groups—indeed, the end of the familiar D flat valse is probably not played once in a hundred times as its composer wrote it.

The musical performer has a twofold duty to the music. He must supplement, and he must not contradict. He must supplement, because no composer can indicate on paper more than the mere shell of his thoughts; but he has no business to imagine anything that might have been definitely indicated, but was not. It was this distinction that was no doubt at the bottom of Mendelssohn's often quoted but often misunderstood attitude towards rubato. His requent screams of "Es steht nicht da!" must have been highly salutary to the pupils who record them, and similar screams from authoritative critics would be equally salutary at the present time, especially to those performers whose chief emotional stock in trade consists of ritardandi so huge as entirely to upset the organic unity of the music. But there is no evidence that he ever objected to flexible tempo as such. It is unthinkable that a great artist should

do so. If Joachim's extremely rubato interpretation of the introduction to the finale of the violin concerto was the same at sixteen as at sixty, we may feel sure that its composer did not scream "Es steht nicht da!" at him.

Most people, when speaking of rubato, think primarily of instrumentalists. Artistically minded singers may (as some string soloists unfortunately do not) know and respect the rhythm of their accompaniments, but for them the problem is complicated by the words and the exigencies oreathing, though we may have suspicions that these difficulties might be surmounted, more often than they apparently are, by a singer with a really fine rhythmical sense. But a good deal of attention has been given of late years to orchestral rubato, and conductors so diverse as Herr Nikisch and Mr. Sousa have acquired special fame in that line. But the Meiningen Orchestra under Herr Steinbach was hors concours. Their Brahms playing, absolutely non-metronomic and absolutely unified, was a unique revelation. Of course, perfection of this kind implies infinite rehearsing, for which, under normal conditions, no orchestra has the time. Were our ears indeed not blunted by the vividness of orchestral color, the very frequent lack of vividness in orchestral rhythm would strike us much more strongly. A certain atmosphere of military discipline still seems to hang over most of our bands, and the soldier and the artist do not easily run in harness. Some day, perhaps, a successor to the Duke of Meiningen will rise, who will subsidize an orchestra which can spend its whole time studying the problems of free rhythm en masse. And why should not a chorus simulta-neously do the same? Then we might look forward to renderings of the great masterpices for chorus and orchestra, or for either alone, which would be as rhythmically expressive as fine solo playing. Why not? Compositions intended for only one or two performers may give more extended scope for rubato, but in the proper subtle sense of the words, free rhythm applies to all music alike. It is not a morbid abnormality. It is the natural outcome of the artistic temperament.

#### Dan Beddoe's Success in Worcester.

Daniel Beddoe, who prefers, however, to have his name appear as "Dan Beddoe," has added one more success to many by his recent appearance in Worcester, Mass., at a concert of the Worcester Glee Club. Opinions from two daily papers read:

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Mr. Beddoe was next on the program and received an ovation as he stepped on the stage. He is the same sweet singer as of old, with the same infectious smile. He sang a recitative and aria, "Through the Forests, Through the Meadows," and his voice was smooth and limpid as a deep meadow brook and virile enough to fill the hall without an effort. The beautiful song is from the opera "Der Freischutz" by Weber. In response to an enthusiastic recall he sang "Put on Your Smock" from "Pagliaceci."—Worcester Daily Telegram, January 11, 1911.

Worcester has had little opportunity of hearing Mr. Beddoe in anything of the operatic nature before, his previous appearances here having been almost altogether in work of an oratorio nature. His voice, which is of the sweetest lyric tenor quality, was shown to the best possible advantage, and he exhibited a dramatic temperament that has hitherto been unsuspected by his musical friends in the city, and his appearance last night was marked by an apparent delight in his songs and in his audience. He gave his encore as if he delighted in the privilege, and his audience certainly shared in that delight.—Worcester Evening Gazette, January 11, 1911.

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Mr. Beddoe will sail from New York in June for a long concert tour through England, Scotland and Wales. This tenor continues his studies with Eleanor McLellan of New York, under whose training the natural beautiful tenor voice of this singer has improved immensely.

#### Music.

By H. DE REGNIER.

A little reed was all I sought
To set the long grass murmuring.
The singing stream the murmur caught;
Douce willows tossed it down the mead.
I only sought a little reed
To make the woodland sing.

In the core of night my reed is heard,
Now in the wind, afar or near,
Now in the quiet, faint or clear,
By all who pass in fancy stirred.
And whoso passes listening
In fancy, in his own heart's core
Hears yet again and evermore
The song I sing.

'Twas all I sought, 'tis all I need
(This little reed plucked at the spring,
Where to behold as in a glass
Her eyes of tears, her eyes that dream,
Came Love once on a day) to bring
Tears to the eyes of all who pass,
Thrills to the grass and murmurs to the stream.
And I by blowing on a reed
Make the wide woodland sing.

-Westminster Gazette

#### MUSIC IN KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., January 26, 1911. January has been a very busy month in the Kansas City isical field so far, and glancing over a schedule of events to come, there is revealed splendid attractions up to the last of May. The W-M concert series was first on the list, with Sembrich in a song recital on Friday afternoon, January 6, in the Willis Wood. Frank La Forge was at the piano, and thoroughly delighted every one again. deed, Mr. La Forge can feel that Kansas City holds some of his greatest admirers. The Kirkby-Lunn recital fol-lowed next in the series. Madame Lunn's recital was pro-The Kirkby-Lunn recital folnounced by many to be the best of the series given. With the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra concert tomorrow, altogether January has been a brilliant month in the W-M concert series attractions.

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The second number on the New Year's program of musical happenings was the free concert in Convention Hall, Sunday, January 8. Every one was, of course, on the alert since the first "chirp" was heard concerning the plans, and naturally thousands were turned away. The attempt was very successful, for the outcome will be other concerts for the public. The orchestra could have had more practice, but, no doubt, the excitement of the occasion tended to unbalance to a degree the first attempt, yet the greatest praise is deserved for having accomplishd a Francois Boucher, the conductor, deserves great credit for his work with the volunteers. Mr. Cranston won new laurels for his splendid results, not alone in his solos, but in the chorus work. Mr. White's "Schubert" men are eagerly awaited in a program all of their own. The next free concert will be given on February 5 in Con-

Great crowds braved the treacherous ice and found their way to the organ recital given by Mr. Kreiser at the In-dependence Boulevard Christian Church, Sunday afternoon, January 15. Kansas City is beginning to appreciate the fact that the new organ is a wonder and that Mr. Kreiser's recitals are better than ever. The beautiful effect with the echo organ was fully enjoyed in the prelude to "Lohengrin." Mildred Langworthy was in fine voice on this occasion. The recitals will be featured the second Sunday of each month at 3.45 o'clock,

The work of the orchestra of organized musicians of the Musicians' Union, under the direction of Julius Osiier, is progressing very well. Having attended rehearsals a safe prophecy can be ventured for an attractive concert when this organization makes its bow in March.

The Philharmonic Choral Society's concert in the new Casino next Tuesday evening will be of great interest. Every one is aware that Carl Busch always presents distinguished musical events in Kansas City. . . .

There were storms of delight when the announcement was heralded that the great Tetrazzini is to appear here again in Convention Hall, Monday night, February 6.

Walter M. Fritschy presents Reinald Werrenrath in song recital in the New Casino Friday evening, February 10. \* \* \*

Hiner's Band of fifty men filled the engagement at the Lum' ermen's Association meeting held in Convention Hall

this week. Hiner's Orchestra will play at the Casino next week. Mrs. Gosney (contralto) and Leroy Hall (baritone) will be the soloists. A string Quartet composed of Dale Hartman (first violin), Robert Horney (second violin), R. M. Weber (viola) and Jules Loix (cello) will also be featured on the program.

. . Rudolf King (pianist), assisted by his pupil, Adeline Nentwig, and Herman Springer (baritone), has been giving a series of recitals for the high schools during Janu-

George Deane (tenor) will be the "Artists'" guest at the next meeting of the Kansas City Musical Club to be held in All Souls Church, Monday, January 30. Mr. Deane will sing the tenor aria, "Jolan's Vision," from Converse's "Pipe of Desire," having created the tenor role when the opera was given for the first time on any stage in Jordan Hall, Boston, five years ago. Wallace Goodrich was the conductor of the première. . . .

Charles Cease (baritone) gave a song recital for the Art League of Leavenworth last Monday evening.

JEANNETTE DIMM.

#### SALT LAKE MUSICAL EVENTS.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, January 24, 1911.

The next concert of the Salt Lake Symphony Orchestra is arranged for the afternoon of Washington's Birthday, February 22, with Spencer Clawson, pianist, as the soloist. M M M

Plans are going forward for the Salt Lake Annual Music Festival, which is scheduled to take place during the latter part of May or early June. Manager Fred Graham announces that negotiations are being made for the orches-tra and soloists and that the festival chorus soon will be called together for the first rehearsal. Mendelssohn's "St. Paul" will be one of the works to be rendered, . . .

A delightful afternoon musicale was held in the clubhouse of the Ladies' Literary Club last Friday afternoon.
The subject was Spanish music. The program included a paper on "Recent Music Happenings," by Edith Evans; paper, "Sketches, Spanish and Gypsy Music," by Mrs. N. Norris. The soloists were Mrs. F. S. Murphy, Marion Gilkerson and Mrs. Jack Keith, Mrs. W. A. Wetzell's ladies' quartet and C. D. Shettler's mandolin and guitar club. The affair was under the direction of Mrs. A. H. Peabody, chairman.

\* \* \* Henry E. Giles, after an absence of several years in Idaho, has returned to Salt Lake to take up his music work here. He was at one time assistant Tabernacle organist. His son, Thomas E. Giles, will return shortly from six years of music study in Europe. Mr. Giles and

his son will open a joint studio. . . .

That the musical activity in this locality is extended beyond the boundaries of this city and into the smaller set-tlements of Utah is evidenced by the announcement from American Fork (a small town south of Salt Lake, with a population of 4,000), to the effect that there has been organized and called together a chorus of 100 voices to present Adam Geibel's "The Nativity" tonight, under the direction of Lottie Owen, the supervisor of music in the

public schools of that place. Several Salt Lake musicians will go down to assist, including J. J. McClellan, organist; Fred Midgley and Mose Gudmundson, violinists; Willard Flashman, flute; J. P. Olsen, cello; Robert Sauer, bass, and Ida Smith, pianist. The soloists will be American Fork residents, including Mrs. Eugene Cluff, Julia Brown, John H. Davis, Ray Nicholes and Eugene Cluff.

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Nora Gleason, organist and director of music in St. Mary's Cathedral, is arranging the program for the annual St. Patrick's entertainment, which will be given in the Salt Lake Theater on or about March 17. Miss Gleason presented several of her pupils in a recital last Saturday

M. J. Brines lectured last Saturday afternoon on "A Career in Music" before the Ogden Historical Society. Mr. Brines will give a recital with Mrs. William Iglehart on the afternoon of February 28.

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John J. McClellan, the Tabernacle organist and director of the Salt Lake Symphony Orchestra, is planning to give a series of organ recitals at Riverside, Cal., some time during the month of March.

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The Columbian Conservatory of Music pupils gave a well attended studio recital in the conservatory rooms in the Templeton Building last Saturday afternoon. Several advanced pupils took part, and showed the results of ex-Several cellent training given them by the teachers of this conser-. . .

The Salt Lake Federated Musicians, at their meeting held Sunday, January 8, decided that musicians playing in the Symphony Orchestra could make a special price of \$3 for the performance and \$1 for rehearsals. This action the Musicians' Union has come as a bit of good news to the management of the orchestra.

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The University of Utah music department, under the direction of Squire Coop, has recently enlarged the scope and activity, and the orchestra already has made two appearances and created a favorable impression. The choir also is doing good work and already has presented several of the most noted choral compositions. The hand, under L. P. Christensen, holds regular rehearsals, and is making fine progress.

The music season also has opened with unusual activity at All Hallows' College. The department is under the direction of Prof. Andon Pedersen, and both the band and orchestra classes are unusually large this year and are both doing excellent work. The department will give an entertainment Washington's Birthday at the college.

John T. Hand, tenor, who has recently returned from a season of extended study under Fergusson, of Berlin, gave a recital before the students of the Latter Day Saints' University last Saturday morning, assisted by Mamie Jones. Mr. Hand was in excellent voice, and gave a charming FRED C. GRAHAM.

"Brother George," an opera by Ferdinand Rekay, had its moderately successful première at Buda Pesth.

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r America have known.

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able. She characterized by her tones and her manner of attack of color.

T. Zenatello sang Manrico for the first time in this city. His e served him well throughout the second act. His tones were y heroic, and he sang with no apparent effort.—Boston Globe.

Madame Gay infused into her Azucena the same abandon and tement vitality that have already made her Carmen a noteworthy opersonation. Her singing of "Stride la vampa" and in the duet ith Manrico was rarely beautiful.

Perhaps Manrico has the most taxing of the many taxing parts "Il Trovatore." Mr. Zenatello has ample power, both as actor id singer, and displayed both to the full last night.—Boston Her-

The other special features of this performance were the admirable The other special features of this performance were the admirable inging of Mr. Zenatello and the Azucena of Madame Gay. Madame ay sang with remarkable power, received what was perhaps the reatest ovation of the evening, and was recalled repeatedly.

Mr. Zenatello's singing was a treat to the ear in nearly every omest of his performance. He, too, made the music burn.—Boston ost, December 27, 1910.

Madame Gay was not far behind M. Zenatello in awakening enthusiasm of the listeners. She, too, sang with true artistry with great dramatic effect. The participation of two such sin as Madame Gay and M. Zenatello in the performance would a have served to render it noteworthy.—Boston Advertiser, Decen

Mr. Zenatello especially is to be highly commended for his sing ing of the role of Manrico. Never once did he force his voice, but sang with noble restraint throughout the evening. Such artistic singing cannot be too highly praised and is a thing to be long re-membered. Mr. Zenatello was recalled time and again and most certainly deserved the appreciation which was so generously accorded

#### MADAME GAY AND ZENATELLO IN "CARMEN."

But last night there was, in addition to the intrinsic beauty of the ork, a re-entree of much importance. Maria Gay had come back renew her successes in dramatic action and singing. From the beginning, with the seductive Habanera to the dreadful imax of the murder, there was a steady crescendo. Vocally, Maria Gay was superb. Never have we heard the part

Vocally, Maria Gay was superb. Never have we heard the part better sung.

For once, too, the audience threw off its reserve and became fairly enthusiastic. No encores were allowed, but the vast audience burst in upon the action many times with well merited applause, while the recalls at the end of every act were numerous also.

There was an intensity in Zenatello's action that paralleled the force of Madame Gay's Carmen. There were subtle transitions and gradations. The simple ambitions of the corporal at the first, his gradual yielding to the seduction of the Gypsy, the conflicting emotions of the second act, the jealousy of the third, the abject frenzy and misery of the fourth, were all in turn eloquently portrayed. Seldom have we seen or heard so intense yet thoroughly musical Seldom have we seen or heard so intense yet thoroughly musical interpretation of the chief male role of this opera. Zenatello's work was not mere declamation. In his most furious moments there was excellent vocalism.—Boston Advertiser, December 20, 1910.

Madame Gay's voice is of a rich, warm quality; it is full of a wooing southern softness that gives to her song a haunting sweetness. Surely, Carmen could not have sung more seductively to her many admirers than does Madame Gay. Her beauty of tone quality is most effective in the role.

Signor Zenatello, as Don Jose, sang and acted the role remarkably. His voice had far more opportunity to show its beauties of tone and eloquent sweetness than in "Othello." His singing of "This Flower You Gave to Me" had both fire and delicacy of sentiment—the nusic and his interpretation were always as one; when passion stirred its notes his being responded, he allowed the music to away him entirely and utterly.—Boston Traveler, December 21, 1910.

anni Zenatello's Manrico was a delight. He sang the role first time here, and as in "Carmen" found himself in the ith Maria Gay, who, to say the least, shared the honors of

the evening.

Madame Gay's Azucena will linger in the memory
enough to have heard her last night. She fairly do
formance.—Boston Journal, December 27, 1910.

#### MADAME GAY AND ZENATELLO IN "AIDA."

These being the "humanities" of "Aida," a coincidence of the cast laid emphasis on them. Madame Gay, statuesque as her movements and postures were, was yet the very woman in her cat-and-mouse play with her enamored slave.

mouse play with her enamored slave.

Mr. Zenatello has the actor's virtue. He is all things to all operas. His Manrico was a portrait; his Jose was a sketch in crayon; his Radames is an impersonation. His look is high, his stride heroic, his manner that of a man still young, yet conscious of a great destiny. He stands still to take the strokes of fate as one seeing all yet unable to believe that these misadventures can befall such as him. The personal side of him, his hope, weaknesses, aspirations, passions, ambitions, we have in the multi-form intonations of his voice. To the already songful quality of the

sic, he adds a personal eloquence which is frequently as expl d as the spoken words, or more so. ber 29, 1910.

Madame Gay, as Amneris, was the daughter of a king, hauteur of mien and even of voice was hers. Even the exceedingly warm and tender notes of her voice she was able to make steely at times; but in the love music she set them free and they rang with all their deep, rich intonation. The great act for Amneris before the gates of the living tomb which is about to encase her lover she encase her lover she mething of larger in-though her heart was of the living tomb which is about to encase her lover she ted above a tempest and a rage into something of larger inshe was still the daughter of a king and though her heart was and torn she was "regal" and not tattered in her emotions. 
hatello, with the glory of his voice, sang the "Celeste Aida" the ringing note of love and prescience.—Boston Traveler, De-

#### ADDITIONAL LEIPSIC NEWS.

Leipsic, January 18, 1911.
The twelfth Gewandhaus concert comprised only the Beethoven eighth and the Tschaikowsky "Pathetic" symphonies, conducted by Arthur Nikisch. He and the "Pathetic" symphony have been known for years as a concert combination of extraordinary attractiveness, yet on this occasion the same leader first put the Tschaikowsky symphony entirely out of class by his great rendition of the Beethoven. In the Tschaikowsky work the melodic and pathetic intensity of the first and last movements, the grace of the second, and the close writing of the scherzo were still insufficient to interest again as did the close anonics of the entire Beethoven. Here is new evidence that Beethoven still lives and Arthur Nikisch is his great

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Marc A. Blumenberg, editor in chief, and H. O. Osgood, Munich correspondent of The Musical Courier, were guests in Leipsic for three days. They heard Nikisch and the Gewandhaus Orchestra in the Beethoven and Tschaikowsky symphonies. Upon personal experience of the extraordinary acoustic properties and the beauty of Gewandhaus Hall, they got a better understanding of the enthusiasm which has been so long chronic in the Leipsic office of the paper.

The thirteenth Gewandhaus concert, under Arthur Nikisch, is played in the presence of Frederick August, The program shows the "Freischütz King of Saxony. overture, the eighth Corelli concerto grosso for violin with string orchestra and organ, the solos played by Eugene Ysaye and Karl Straube; Liszt's symphonic p 'Les Preludes": the Beethoven violin concerto, played by Ysaye, and the Schumann overture, scherzo and finale, op 52. The three numbers by Schumann gave Nikisch an nally fine opportunity to read beautifully in the muse of that great poet.

third concert by the Sevcik Quartet enlisted the English baritone, Theodore Byard, as a soloist in two groups of songs. The Quartet played the Sibelius five movement, D minor "Voces intime," op. 56, and with the Leipsic pianist, Gertrude Steuer, the Schumann quintet. Mr. Byard sang Schumann's "Lotusblume," "In's Freie" and "Die Löwenbraut," Tschaikowsky's "Zurersten Frühlingszeit" and "Inmitten des Balles," "Zurersten Frühlingszeit" and "Inmitten des Balles," Grieg's "An das Vaterland" and "Zur Johannisnacht." The Quartet played superbly, as usual. Miss Steuer played correctly and agreeably without personality enough to lend character to the quintet. Mr. Byard sang the seven lieder in great intensity and fine lyric quality. His giving of the "Löwenbraut" text was deeply impressive and the public acknowledged his fine art cordially. The Sibelius music has many beautiful and interesting episodes without coming into greatness. Since he gives the title of "Voces intime" he may be excused at this time for not writing in the close polyphony of the classics. But his first symphony, given some seasons ago in the Gewandhaus, was hardly more than a series of great, sonorous songs with symphonic poem, "Taormina."

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An orchestral extra program of the St. Petersburg Imperial Society under Schneevoigt had the second symphony by Rachmaninoff, a C minor concerto allegro piano and orchestra, played by the composer, L. V. Nicolaeff, Hugo Wolf's Italian serenade and Ernst Boehe's syphonic poem, "Taormina."

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Jani Szanto, concertmeister of the Leipsic Philharmonic Orchestra, gave his own concerto with the orchestra, and was further assisted by the gifted fourteen year old American pianist, David Berlino, of New York. Szanto played the Vieuxtemps D minor and the Stojanowitz first concertos and the Leopold Auer Hungarian rhapsody. lino played the Saint-Saëns G minor concerto, the Liszt twelfth rhapsody and Schumann's "Des Abends." Stoianowitz conducted the accompaniment for his concerto. Szanto has been known here for two years as a violinist of particularly fine qualities, such as fine school, a fully musical nature and agreeable personality. The Stojanowitz first concerto, which he has occasionally played in

Leipsic, is thoroughly violinistic and interestingly made for the solo instrument. The orchestration is only of moderate excellence. The youthful pianist, Berlino, is a distinguished talent already in a remarkable stage of ac complishment for his years. His technic is sufficient for playing the Saint-Saëns in perfect ease and clarity at great velocity, and everything he does is prompted by purely musical and musicianlike motives. His entire play demeanor are genuine and without mannerism, that his appearance remains wholly enjoyable. Though he was not previously known in Leipsic, the public greeted him cordially before he played and further showed great enthusiam upon the completion of his work. The violinist concert giver was also shown the cordial appreciation to which he was entitled. Hans Winderstein conducted all accompaniments except the Stojanowitz concerto.

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The seventh Philharmonic concert under Hans Winderstein brought out the new G major symphony, op. 22, by Ewald Strässer, the Bruch G minor violin concerto and solo pieces played by Joan Manen, also Scheinpflug's overture to a comedy, and the Elgar "Pomp and Circumstance" march. Owing to absence from the city, the concert was not heard for this report. Eugene E. Segnitz, of the Leipsic Tageblatt, wrote in friendliest terms of the symphony, as if it showed character, good composer skill and wholesome musical endowment. Manen is said to have had his usual great success in the playing of the Bruch, besides compositions of his own and of Sarasate's.

. . In the brief preliminary concert at the annual New Year's ball by the Russian Academic Verein in Leipsic the contralto, Maria Kühne, sang Brahms' "Von ewiger Liebe" and "Dort in den Weiden," Tschaikowsky's "Im ersten Lenzesstrahl" and Hugo Wolf's "Heimweh." Cel-Von list Gdal Salessky played the Glazounow "Chant du Menestral," Kallinnikow's "Chanson triste" and Dvigo's "Serenade." Pianist Bertha Burstein plant in Dvigo's Venezia e Napoli" and a Chopin F sharp minor prelude. voice under commendable The contralto has a beautiful usage. The cellist is musical far above the average, and the young pianist is among the several exceptionally fine talents of the Russian student contingent in Leipsic

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The student program at the Leipsic Conservatory at 6 o'clock, January 13, included the intermezzo and fugue from the Rheinberger D minor organ sonata (played by Gatscher), the A. Rösel nocturne for waldhorn (Matzick), the Boccherini A major cello sonata (Porges), first part of Schumann piano concerto with orchestra (Fräulein Ter-Grigorianz), the Bach G major cello sarabande, courante and giga, also variations on a Paganini theme in A minor, composed and played by Mr. Bottermund, of ston; further, the Reinecke B minor piano with orchestra, played by Fraulein Fleischer. Only the Boccherini sonata and the Schumann concerto were heard. Mr. Porges is musical and plays in commendable finish. Miss Grigorianz played well, though she gives her time principally to composition.

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Among recent callers at the Leipsic post of THE MU-SICAL COURIER were the distinguished and venerable Bernhard Boekelmann, of New York, Harry M. Field, of Toronto and Dresden, and Howard Wells, of Chicago and Berlin. Mr. Boekelmann was in Leipsic to visit his daughter, Mrs. Fritz Künzel, and his coming was a Christmas Mr. Field has many friends in Leipsic, where surprise. he studied, then taught, for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were here sightseeing for a few days. Mr. Boekelmann was to be absent from New York for about five

Pianist Paula Koenig gave her own concert with the Winderstein Orchestra, under the direction of her instruc-tor, Carl Friedberg, of Cologne. She played the Chopin E minor concerto and the Cesar Franck symphonic variations. Friedberg conducted a set of orchestral "Dance Fantasies" by Julius Weismann, of Stuttgart. This work was in manuscript and so new that the ink was hardly dry. It proved exceedingly interesting, finely orchestrated and closely written dance music in many styles and rhythms, requiring sixteen minutes to give. It should be of great practical use on good popular programs. me composer has completed a piano concerto, of which Friedberg speaks enthusiastically. It is supposed to be not only well composed, but rich in fancy and invention. Fräulein König is a young pianist of good musical attributes and considerable personality, so that she will doubtless come into a busy concert career. Friedberg is one of Germany's very best musicians. He is not alone a great educator and pianist, but a safe and capable conductor.

EUGENE F. SIMPSON

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# The Obligations of the Conductor to the Composer.

BY EDGAR STILLMAN-KELLEY.

Not many months since, there appeared in a prominent German musical journal a somewhat severe stricture on screed entitled "New Meyerbeer Effects in the 'Tann-häuser' overture." Why the name of Meyerbeer one of the Berlin orchestral conductors, embodied in a Why the name of Meyerbeer should have been invoked on this occasion was not especially evident, for, aside from the fact that Wagner was fond of certain methods of his rival, this title would lead one to infer that the conductor in question had been guilty of inserting in the Wagnerian score features char-acteristic of the composer of the "Prophet" and which were, therefore, out of place in the new environment.
What such features might be would puzzle the reader at first blush, as he would doubtless surmise them to be something on the order of sensational devices in instrumentation. Now, as the sins of employing excessively powerful orchestration and the introduction of manifold eccentric effects have been laid at the door of numerous writers since the days of Meyerbeer, we are all the more interested in learning the nature of the misdemeanor of which the Berlin conductor was accused. It seems that no alteration in the score of any kind whatsoever had been attempted, the feature criticised being simply the bringing into prominence of the inner voice that accompanies the final appearance of the "Pilgrim's Chorus" in the reprise.

If the reader will but pause a moment he will doubtless recall numerous performances of this beautiful work and he will also remember how often such great stress is placed upon the theme of salvation that one can hear little else. Let us look at the score, and seek the explana-Let us look at the score, and seek the explanation. The composer has indeed given the melody of the "Pilgrim's Chorus" to the three trumpets in unison reinforced by the three trombones also in unison, and all marked with three I's to indicate the triumph of good over evil, but is this all? Was the conclusion of the overture intended to be homophonous? No. We see in the string parts a series of graceful passages, forming a figura-tion worthy of embellishing so noble a theme. In concert performances we see a band of worthy violinists struggle to render it perceptible to the ears as well as to the eyes. But only too frequently their efforts are in vain. In orchestras of sixty and less this is well nigh impossible unless the conductor be blessed with discrimination and practical talent. Surely the figuration is not intended for the eyes alone, for Wagner of all men did not devote himself to the writing of "Augenmusik." The question therefore is, How much of the accompanying figuration and inner voices should the conductor permit his hearers to enjoy? The writer of the article above referred to stated that Von Bülow and later Nikisch had experimented with these "Meyerbeer effects," that is, they had permitted the horn parts to become audible where the upper tones are called into requisition and the players can make headway against the more powerful hard brass. But the writer claimed that these conductors considered the result unworthy and abandoned the idea. Unworthy it certainly is to give undue prominence to any part, especially to a subordinate one, but it is possible, if care be exercised, to cause the theme of salvation to be pronounced with appropriate emphasis, and yet permit the wonderful intermingling of the accompanying passage work and unusually fine inner voice leadings to be rendered with that dignity that is their due. There are many of us who have not forgotten the thrill produced by such adjustment as in the ideal interpretations of this work by the late Anton Seidl.

But in order to obtain results of this high order, a conductor must use his own judgment in regard to following the directions in the score concerning dynamics. I venture to doubt the possibility (even granting an orchestra of a hundred) of the string passages and the harmonic background making themselves felt at this point if trumpets and trombones all blow at the rate of fff (or "triple forte" as some call it). Composers sometimes forget the powers of a strong lunged trombonist or an able bodied kettle drummer. They can do much damage on occasion. In a performance of Tschaikowsky's "Symphonie Pathétique" under Nikisch three years ago, in the third movement, where the march theme appears triumphantly, the tym-panist rendered the efforts of all his colleagues quite futile. A few months later under Panzner, and later yet under Nikisch, the balance of parts in this place was simply perfect. This serves to show how carefully the composer should indicate expressions and with what calm judg-ment the conductor should render those indications. During an interesting conversation with Dr. Muck I was impressed with his statement that one of the most difficult features in the art of conducting was the securing from each group the requisite amount of tone to produce the ideal general effect. We encounter, therefore, the threefold

difficulty of planning the balance of the masses and then of

Bach and the earlier writers employed few or no expression marks, leaving the interpretation to the executants. Mozart and Beethoven sprinkled their scores vertically. tically with a fairly impartial set of f's and p's. Thus woodwind, string, soft brass (horns) and hard brass (trumpets and trombones) were all served with the same kind of indications (piano, forte, fortissimo, etc.). The result is that in many cases, as, for instance, the minuet in Mozart's E flat major symphony, one hears nothing but the reiteration of the brass chords of tonic and dominant, unless the conductor takes the pains to modify the

An experience of my own was illuminating in reference to this important phase of interpretative obligation. I was rehearsing one of my earlier orchestral efforts, which I marked after the manner of the classical school When I told the trombones they were too loud, the answer was, "You composers write ff and the moment you hear it you hush us up." They were right, and I profited by the criticism. The reader may have noticed with what care Wagner (in his later works) and Tschaikowsky have differentiated the dynamic signs. They usually mark the soft brass (horns) with two f's when the hard brass (trumpets and trombones) is provided with but one. Had Wagner scored his "Tannhäuser" in the 70's or 80's he very likely would have piven his trumpets and trombones in the above quoted finale of the overture only two f's—possibly but one—instead of three. In the light of such re-marking it will be seen that the aim of the young conductor charged with "Meyerbeer effects" was really in the right direction.

e lack of an equable scale in the woodwind occasion trouble at times. Richard Strauss recommends in tutti passages where power is demanded, that the upper tones of a chord be given to the clarinets, the lower one to the oboes, as in this way the strongest tones of each instru-ment are utilized. He smiles at the absurdity of reversing mposers usually do, merely because the oboes are placed higher in the orchestral score than the

Sometimes the impossible is demanded of a performer. in the shape of a pianissimo in the lowest register of oboe or bassoon. I early learned that neither threat nor persuasion availed in eliciting delicate tones in this region. Nevertheless we find them called for occasionally, as in the close of the first movement of Tschaikowsky's E minor symphony. Here we have contra B for two bassoons marked Of course, one has no hesitation in reducing the passage to a solo, but even then the tone is too hard and loud. In Russia they may be able to produce the requisite shading, but not in Western Europe. Speaking with Herr Güttich, the first fagottist of the Royal Opera in Berlin, concerning such difficulties, I learned that he inserts a piece of flannel as a mute in the bell (Schalltrichter) of the instrument. In this way the desired pianissimo is effected. A similar feat is required in the



same composer's "Pathétique" (first movement just before the "working-out" section). Here the closing measures of the lyric theme are given to the bassoon, which has a hazardous series of low tones to execute, all marked with many p's. The Berlin conductors always substitute a bass clarinet with thoroughly satisfactory results.

All efforts to give the idea of the composer, even if the orchestration itself is sometimes altered, are not only justifiable but commendable. Beethoven's ninth symphony as presented by Wagner underwent numerous modifications in order to produce the master's intended effects. A familiar instance of such friendly intervention on the part of the conductor, to enable the composer to realize his intent, is Mendelssohn's alteration of the first two measures of Schumann's B flat symphony. We all remember how the phrase was first written (Ex. 1 b), and how, with We all remember the old horns, only one tone of the group was ope also how Mendelssohn by a slight change rendered it effective. (See Ex. 1 a.) As it can now be given by the valve horns and trumpets with every tone open, it is advis-

able to restore the original reading. This renders it home generous with the opening measures of the allegro, and I



have so produced it. Speaking with the composer Xaver Scharwenka concerning the advantages of employing the chromatic horns and trumpets, he expressed the belief that Beethoven's symphonies would have been quite differently orchestrated if our improved brass instruments had been at his disposal. Said he: "Notice how brilliantly the horns introduce the second theme of the first movement of the C minor symphony. (See Ex. 2 at a.) Compare this with its reappearance in the reprise. Here it comes in the tonic major quite out of the range of the old horns, so the bassoons in their weak register are employed as a substitute for the unavailable brass, and the result is an anti-climax. At the present day there is no reason why this second entry should not also be given to the

With this same conviction. I once rearranged the trumpet parts in the majestic outburst of the brass in the andante of Schubert's B minor symphony. By this means the upper voices were not annihilated by their own counterpoint, which is so richly rendered by strings and trom-bones (See Ex. 3.) This splendid passage usually af-



fords the trumpets a chance to announce most forcibly tonic and dominant, while we are conscious of a gentle shimmer of something else in the woodwind, as was the when I last heard it under Nikisch. (See Ex. 4.)



Now it is not a question of subjective versus objective interpretation. The idea is to get as near the composer's intention as possible, and when the means at his command were inadequate, or when, through haste, or oversight, passages are not marked with the accuracy he would have wished, it is the duty of the conductor to rectify matters to the best of his ability. The composer himself gets a correct impression of his work only after he has Arthur Mees relates an incident showing how severely Wagner criticised his own works. In the summer 1877, when the composer was conducting the rehearsals at Albert Hall, Mr. Mees was present and heard the master repeatedly demand alterations in the "Nibelungen" cerpts. At one moment he would call out, "Take that phrase out of the bassoon part and give it to the English horn!" Again he would insist upon less of this or more of that tone quality. And all this, too, after his work had been published and given such a magnificent production in Bayreuth.

It sometimes occurs that a composer has certain exceptional artists in mind when he plans his score. I remem ber being startled once when rehearsing one of Dvorák's "Slavic Dances" on encountering a passage for oboes "Slavic Dances" on encountering a passage for oboes like this—(See Ex. 5). The range of the upper part was,



of course, out of reach of my first oboist, so I had the flute take it.\* A few months later I called upon the com poser in Prague. Telling him that I had encountered inaccessible tones for oboe in one of his scores he sat down at the piano and played instinctively the very passage I had in mind. I asked him how he dared risk such high "My oboist plays them with ease, even piano," said

"As the writer's library is in Berlin, the reader's indulgence craved in case of inaccuracies occasioned by quoting from memo —E. S. K.

Dr. Dvorák; "of course, you gave the phrase to the flute!" He thus anticipated what I had to confess, taking it for granted that any conductor would do what he can to express what the composer has in mind rather than simply what he has put on paper. I was happy to have my procedure commended. Of course, this method of striving to anticipate the composer's wishes, like every other good intention, can be carried to excess. I once encountered a conductor who boldly stated that he never produced the works of any one unless he altered them to suit himself. Such an attitude will not enable one to secure the best results, for it sometimes occurs that the composer does know what he wants better than any one else, and naturally feels that it is due him that his work be per-formed in the spirit in which he conceived it. Only when the conductor approaches a score with a feeling of friendly interest can he be said really to interpret its meaning.

#### COLUMBUS MUSIC.

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February has three significant concerts, the first which will be on the evening of February 6, by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Leopold Stokovski, conductor, and Hans Richard, pianist. Mr. Richard will play the Schytté concerto, in which he shone so splendidly in Chicago with the Theodore Thomas Orchestra.

The sonata recital, Tuesday evening, February 14, by Carolyn Beebe (pianist) and Edouard Dethier (violinist) is eagerly anticipated. Millicent Brennan (dramatic soprano) will be the vocalist of the evening, singing a group of songs beginning with an aria from "La Tosca.

Madame Nordica will be in Columbus on the evening of January 27, a date which will be marked on every calenof January 27, a date which dar, for she is a favorite here.

Karl O. Stapps, organist, of Cincinnati, will give a recital in St. John's Evangelical Church on the evening of

. . . Thomas S. Callis, organist at St. John's, will give a recital Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock on his new electric organ. Mrs. Neil Fravel, contralto, will be the assisting

Mrs. Bertha Fiebach Markbreit, dramatic reader, and Clarence Adler, pianist, will give two recitals, the first evening, February 2. Mrs. Markbreit is a much heralded reader and Clarence Adler is a splendid young pianist.

The February matinee concert of the Women's Music Club presented Mrs. Kullak Busse, Clara Denig Genmender, Mrs. Amor W. Sharp (vocalists), Mrs. Reginald Hidden (violinist), Hazel Swann, Clara Michel, Ethel Harness and Jessie Crane (pianists), and Mrs. Arthur Wolfe (organist). The accompanists were Marion Lord, Emily McCallip and Hazel Swann.

Mrs. Edith May Miller is the newly elected organist at the Broad Street Church of Christ. Ethel Harness, who has been organist for some years at that church, resigned because of a pressure of other musical duties. Mrs. Miller is an experienced organist, having served Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church for eleven years.

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Thomas S. Callis has two promising pupils, Mrs. Neil Travel (contralto) and Carl Fahl (tenor), who were heard the past week in recital.

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The Columbus Oratorio Society May Festival will have a matinee attraction of a chorus of 300 children, who will sing Peter Benoit's cantata, "Into the World." Tillie G. Lord, supervisor of music in the public schools, will direct the children, the accompaniment to be furnished by the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, Frederick Stock directing. This will be a distinct novelty for Columbus, and will doubtless be a very attractive feature.

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Henrietta Kauffman, one of the well known pianists of Columbus of some years ago, is spending the winter in Florence, Italy. Miss Kauffman made a trip around the Florence, Italy. world before she rested at Florence.

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Berlin has quite a Columbus colony now. Dr. and Mrs. Berlin has quite a Columbus colony now. Dr. and Michaeles Bradfield Morrey (Grace Hamilton Morrey), Marie Hertenstein, Roswitha Smith, Yetera Smith, Jessie Peters, John Goodall and Earl Hopkins. Irene Stettner is in Vienna and Herman Stettner is in Brussels.

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There is a well defined rumor about that Columbus is to have Gaston Dethier for a recital on the new Trinity Church organ. There has been quite a notable series of organ recitals here in the past few years, Clarence Eddy (twice), Karl Stapps, James H. Rogers, Wilhelm Middel-

schulte, Samuel Clemens, George W. Andrews and others. There is a growing interest in this instrument.

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The Girls' Music Club will give its monthly recital toorrow afternoon in the auditorium of the Columbus Public Library. Those who perform are Verona Long, Flor-ence Giliam, Harriet Sturn, Norma Hopkins, Margaret Lanum, Virginia Thomas, Lucile Martindill, Mary Lewis and Ethel Nichol. Hazel Swann, of the Women's Music Club, will be the assisting musician.

A testimonial concert will be given Frederick Neddermeyer and his band Sunday evening in Memorial Hall. Edna Fox, Maude Brent, Ferdinand Gardner, Jessie Crane, the Ohio State University Glee Club and others have volunteered their services. Mr. Neddermeyer has been giving popular Sunday evening band concerts for the past two years. This benefit concert is in appreciation of his and his band's services to the city.

ELLA MAY SMITH.

#### Louise Barnolt as Carmen.

The picture shown herewith depicts Louise Barnolt, contralto of the Montreal Opera Company, as she appeared recently at a private performance of "Carmen." This is



Photo by Mishkin Studio, New York.

LOUISE BARNOLT AS CARMEN.

Her splendid acting, vivacious one of her best roles. temperament and beautiful voice lend themselves particularly well to this part. Oscar Saenger predicts that she will become a great Carmen. For the rest of the season Miss Barnolt will devote herself to song recital, concert and festival work. For bookings Miss Barnolt may be addressed at 51 East Sixty-fourth street.

Undoubtedly the cello is a much abused instrument. It is foolishly taken up by iron-fingered young men who ought to be playing the cornet-a-piston. It is composed for by shallow virtuosi whose notion of a concerto does not extend beyond one passage in octaves, one in thirds, one in diddling arpeggi, and one in spiccato bowing. Its noble voice is debased to the utterance of trivialities. It addresses the public with such hackneyed airs as Rubinstein's "Melody" in F, and Schumann's "Traeumerei."— Springfield Republican.

#### Another Julian Walker Pupil.

A basso sure to find himself some day among the renowned is Alvah Nichols, of Brooklyn. His voice is exceptionally brilliant and powerful, yet possessing a quality of unusual beauty and tenderness. The critics refer to his bass voice as one with baritone quality in the upper register, which really and merely indicates that he has been trained to carry his voice high and sustain the tone without forcing or pinching. It is singular that the critics should speak of this dual bass-baritone quality in Mr. Nichols' voice just as they did of Julian Walker's voice, under whose care Mr. Nichols has placed himself for the development of his art. The single press notice reprinted below will give some idea of what may be expected of

The artistic triumph of the oratorio, however, was the singing of Ir. Nichols, whose rich bass voice, with a really baritone quality 1 the upper register, was effectively and artistically used. His lot, "What Star Is This?" was a splendid effort, and deserved the earty applause which followed.—Brooklyn Eagle, January 19, 1911.

The notice from the Brooklyn Eagle is from a report of the performance of "The Nativity," an oratorio by Stew-art, which was given by the Schubert Choral Society. Mr. Nichols, as one of the soloists, won the honors of the

#### Concerts at Columbia University.

Concerts and recitals for February under the auspices of Columbia University will begin today (Wednesday), with an historical concert in the Horace Mann Auditorium by the University Chorus under the direction of Walter Henry Hall. Next Tuesday afternoon in Earl Hall the Marum Quartet will give a concert. Arthur Whiting is to give a piano recital in the Horace Mann Auditorium February 15. W. R. G. Appel, a pupil of Felix Lamond, is to give an organ recital in St. Paul's Chapel on the after-noon of February 21. Walter Henry Hall will give an organ recital in the same chapel on the afternoon of February 28, with Lillian Sherwood-Newkirk, soprano, as The University Chorus, under the direcassisting soloist. The University Chorus, under the direc-tion of Mr. Hall will give another concert in St. Paul's Chapel on the evening of March 8. Another Whiting recital takes place on the afternoon of March 15 and an organ recital on the afternoon of March 21 by William J. Kraft, assisted by Edith Porter Kraft, soprano. The afternoon concerts begin at 4:10 and the evening concerts at 8:15.

#### Cecil Fanning Sings Sir Oluf.

Two presentations of the cantata "Sir Oluf" by Harriet Ware, libretto by Cecil Fanning, under the direction of Arthur D. Woodruff, by the choral societies of Jersey City and Newark, January 20 and 25, reflected great credit upon the composer, librettist and director. On both occasions the title role was sung by Cecil Fanning in such a superb manner that the audiences accorded him an ovation. In Jersey City Mr. Fanning was obliged to re-spond to triple encores, and still the audience applauded. Besides singing in "Sir Oluf" last week, Mr. Fánning and his associate, H. B. Turpin, filled their fourth return en-gagement in Providence, R. I., with the Listeners' Club, and their second return engagement at Lawrenceville School, N. J. During the present week they are to fill five engagements: New York City; Newark, N. J.; Englewood, N. J.; Montelair, N. J., and Hoboken, N. J. On February 11 Mr. Fanning and Mr. Turpin begin at Cincinnati an extensive Southern tour, going as far South as San Antonio, Tex., and ending at New Orleans, April 4.

#### Friday Afternoons at Madame Garrigue's Studio

Every Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 p. m. Madame Esperanza Garrigue welcomes at her studio in the Hotel Colonia all who care to hear her pupils sing, and these gatherings have become a feature of her professional Critics, musicians, colleagues, teachers, artists and society folk gather here, where pleasant social intercourse is enjoyed as well as the artistic singing of Madame Garrigue's pupils.

Among the most noted pupils heard last Friday w Among the most noted pupils neard last Friday were Virginia Wilson, who sang an aria from "Der Freischütz," with which she delighted her hearers, and also an aria from Goldmark's "Queen of Sheba." Roa Eaton gave a splendid display of coloratura singing in a most difficult type of aria written for soprano and flute. She also sang an aria from "La Boheme."

#### Liza Lehmann Near Home.

Liza Lehmann, the English composer-pianist, sailed for her home in England Wednesday of last week on the steamer Campania of the Cunard line. Madame Lehmann, accompanied by a Quartet of English singers, completed a very successful four months' tour of this country under the management of R. E. Johnston a few days before she left New York.



concert in It is not often that cheers are heard at Brooklyn, but last Thursday evening, when Mischa Elman played a number of encores after his recital, the enthusiasm broke loose, and for several minutes it looked as if the young Russian would be mobbed. Because the house was sold out, the Brooklyn Institute, under whose auspices the recital was given in the Music Hall of the Academy of Music, placed fifty chairs on the stage, and these went like the traditional "hot cakes." One hundred more such seats could easily have been disposed of, for many persons stood up back of the orchestra and also up in the balcony.

Mr. Elman succeeded during the evening in moving his audience as audiences are rarely moved. Many grayheads wept as the greatly gifted youth played the slow movements of the concerted numbers on his program Such violin playing creates an epoch. The G string often sounded like a great cello, and in the more brilliant passages the artist infused his playing with a soulfulness that made even the lightest offering assume a lofty place in the ears of the listeners. Accompanied at the piano by Percy Kahn, Mr. Elman presented the following works:

Sonata, B flat
Concerto No. 2, D minorBruch
Sonata, D major
Ständchen
Rigaudon
Andantino
Schön Rosmarin (Alt Wiener Tanz Weisen)
MeditationCottenet
I Palpiti

While listening to the inspired performance of the lovely Mozart sonata, no one who admires the sublime of this immortal composer could fail to wonder why there is so much "muckraking" among those who play chamber music before this public. Why must ugly and commonplace compositions be introduced at many concerts when nine-tenths of the music lovers who support the concerts are kept in ignorance of the treasures which are sadly neglected in these days? It was good to hear the Bruch concerto in D minor, a work not frequently played in this country, since when Bruch is mentioned we at once think of the G minor concerto. Elman made every phrase in this work a thing of beauty and symmetry. As one young lady on the platform, very much under the spell of the Elman magnetism, openingly confessed: "I could forever to such playing." So could the most of us. "I could listen

Several frantic recalls after the Handel sonata rewarded the audience with the first encore, a Beethoven minuet. The fourth group, which began with Elman's charming transcription of the favorite Schubert "Serenade," was greatly

enjoyed, and it also proclaimed Elman's generosity to other violinists

Another wave of wildest demonstrations, lastly several minutes, finally brought the much hoped for encore, and this time Elman played magnificently the Wilhelmj transcription of Walther's "Prize Song" from "Die Meistersinger.

The "Meditation" by Cottenet and the effervescent "I Palpiti" by Paganini ended the regular program, but three beautiful encores had to be given before the excited multi-tude departed. This additional group of pieces included a by Gretry, transcribed by Franko; the Schubert "Cradle Song," and, lastly, the ever welcome Dvorák
"Humoresque." A word of praise is due Mr. Kahn for his musical accompaniments. Another ovation for Elman at the close of the Dvorák number brought the happy violinist to the stage again to hear the "bravos." All of this happened in Broo house ring with "bravos." All of this happened in Brooklyn, where things move calmly, dispassionately, and where only once in a decade the people lose their heads over a musical performance.

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The flock of trained geese now belonging to the person nel of the Metropolitan Opera Company were taken over to Brooklyn Tuesday night of last week for the first performance in Brooklyn of Humperdinck's new fairy opera, "Königskinder." The house was sold out for this per-formance. The cast was the same as that heard at the Metropolitan Opera House Thursday night of week before last. "La Boheme," with Alice Nielsen as Mimi, was the opera scheduled for performance last night (Tues-

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American composers will be considered at the meeting of the Tonkunstler Society tonight (Wednesday) in Memorial Hall. The program arranged for this date follows:

onata for violin and piano (op. 9, G minor).....Howard Brockw Carl H. Tollefsen (violin), Augusta Schnabel-Tollefsen (piano) .. Howard Brockway

Bernice Case

Caroline Taylor at the piano.
Trio No. 2 for piano, violin and violoncello (op. 65, B flat), Arthur Foote

Arthur
Augusta Schnabel-Tollefsen (piano).

Carl H. Tollefsen (violin), Willy Lamping (violoncello).

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The New York Philharmonic Society gave its fifth Sunday concert in Brooklyn on the afternoon of January Madame Gadski was the soloist in the following Wagner program:

Overture, Rienzi.
Prelude to Lohengrin,
Lohengrin, Elsa's Dream.
Tannhäuser, Elizabeth's Aria.
Overture, Tannhäuser.
Funeral March, Gotterdämmeru
Gotterdämmerung, Immolation

Madame Gadski was in beautiful voice and her singing of these familiar numbers was truly noble. She remains one of the superb Wagnerian interpreters, and somehow her personality is instantly associated when one thinks of Elsa, Elizabeth, Isolde or Brunnhilde. The orchestra under Mr. Mahler's direction was in fine condition. The music on this list has been reviewed before this season,

since the program is a repetition of a concert given at Carnegie Hall, Manhattan, The Brooklyn audience last Sunday was very enthusiastic.

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Martha R. Clodius, a pupil of W. Francis Parsons (the recital in Memorial Hall, January 23. The singer's voice is of excellent quality. "Mausfallen Sprüchlein" was so well received she had to repeat it; "Franz's lied "Es Hat die Rose Sich Beklagt" was another encore. There were other well deserved encores, the last group (American composers) going exceedingly well. "The Lonely," by her teacher, Parsons, the composer at the piano, was of special interest. Jessie Monteze de Vore, violinist, plays with good full tone and much feeling; there are those who compare her with our best violinists. A serenade by Nicholas de Vore was pleasing, and his song "Thou" liked. In connection with the De Vores, it is of interest to note that they appeared January 25 in East Orange, January 27 gave the entire program in Paterson, and February I are to participate in a concert in Stamford, Conn.

#### Von Warlich at Grand Rapids.

The art and personality of Reinhold von Warlich were amply proven at the recent concert given by him in Grand Rapids, Mich., where the lieder singer appeared before the members of the Ladies' Literary Club, and won marked recognition, which is invariably accorded him. Critical reference to his singing is given herewith:

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Reinhold von Warlich, who gave a recital at the Ladies' Literary. Club House last evening, is one of the most interesting men in the musical world today because, with his unbounded enthusiasm for music and its future, he cannot fail to be successful.

Mr. Von Warlich is an exponent of the song cycle and believes that music should mean something more than pleasure and entertainment. It should be a real experience and expression of the soul. For this reason Mr. von Warlich's programs are so carefully avranged that the object for which he is striving is well shown.

For instance, in the program which he gave last night, there were four parts, which in logical sequence led up to a logical climax. The whole group is romantic, and the first part is composed of a negative romantic group, songs which are visionary; the second group is positive romantic, and the songs express personal feeling of a definite type; in the third group there is the romantic in the story, the weird death song, tales of romance and folk ballads. This progresses into the fourth part, where the finished art ballads are sung; the music is both rhythmically and melodically appropriate to the words of the song. The whole program not only shows the development of music, but appeals very strongly to the lover of logical sequence in music.

As a lieder singer Mr. von Warlich has won praise all over the world, and his popularity on the European continent, especially in London, places him in the front rank as an artist.—Grand Rapids News, January 19, 1911.

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After the confusion and complexities of modern music which are visited in varying degrees upon present day audiences the program composed of German lieder, old English songs and ballads, sung by Reinhold von Warlich and his associate artist. Uda Waldrop, at the Ladies' Literary Club last night, was both novel and refreshing. This reversion to the songs of an earlier period and sentiment of the people, colored and differentiated by qualities and characteristics of nationality, was most interesting, many of these early songs and ballads being only a few degrees removed from folk songs. Mr. von Warlich, while a very young singer, impresses his audience by the sincerity of his art, his voice, a basso cantante of exceptional beauty and musical quality, being used always as a medium of musical expression, never for mere vocal display, and he has remarkable clarity of diction and enunciation. Mr. von Warlich's interpretative art brought out all the rare subtleties and poetic beauties of both the words and music. The early Scotch and English ballads, which were of heroic and romantic type, were given with clear-cut elecutionary effect, for Mr. von Warlich's style is always that. In the rrogram Mr. von Warlich's art ranged through the poetic and romantic, to the dramatic forms of expression and was an artistic achievement, combining intelligence and musicianship of a Ligh order.—Grand Rapids Press, January 19, 1911.

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## NORDICA'S GREAT CONCERT IN HARRISBURG.

Governor Tener of Pennsylvania, with Mrs. Tener and many representative people, attended the concert which Madame Nordica gave in Harrisburg Thursday evening, January 19. Just what happened on this occasion is best told in the following review from the Harrisburg Telegraph of January 20:

NORDICA CONCERT BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

GREATEST AMERICAN SINGER DELIGHTS CROWDED HOUSE AT MAJESTIC.

IN EXCELLENT VOICE.

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Society Out in Force; Many Beautiful Gowns; Governor Occupies Box.

By Julius von Bereghy.

Madame Nordica's fame drew the largest and most brilliant audience that ever assembled at the Majestic Theater to the concert last night, with every seat occupied—even ladies were seen stand—the house presented a beautiful picture. Delegations from surrounding towns helped to swell the crowd, Irving College at Mechanicsburg being represented by sixty-seven students and their teachers.

chanicsburg being represented by season as the audience was seated the concert was opened by Mr. Simmons, the accompanist, with one of Chopin's polonaises.

Mr. Whitney has a pleasing basso of considerable range, not overly powerful, but of a good carrying quality. All of his songs were well rendered, especially the screnade from "The Damnation of Faust" by Berlioz; "Non canto Per Voi," by Valente, and "When Love Is Done," by Turnbull. Mr. Whitney was most liberally applauded and deservedly so.

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A QUEEN OF SONG.

The appearance of Madame Nordica on the stage was the signal to such an outburst of applause as is rarely heard in any theater. Queenly in appearance Madame Nordica is a queen in the realm of song; there is no American singer before the public at the present time to be compared with her. Her supero voice is under such perfect control that it can produce the required tone qualities to express every possible sentiment. That every one of her program numbers was exquisitely well rendered goes without saying. It takes an artist of the very first rank to equally well render compositions of a lighter order like the "Mandolin," by Debussy; "Mattinata," by Leoncavallo, and the "Omaha Indian Tribal Song," by Cadman all of which Madame Nordica repeated in response to the enthusiastic appliause—and such intensely dramatic songs as Schumann's "Ich Grolle Nicht," and Schubert's "Erlkönig." In the last named two songs the real artistic temperament of Madame Nordica came into play and created an impression not soon to be forgotten.

SINGER WAS PLEASED.

The enthusiasm of the audience was gratifying to Madame Nordica and she liberally responded to the demand with the following encores: "The Year's at the Spring." by Mrs. Beach; "Mighty Lak' a Rose," by Nevin; "At Parting." by Rogers, and "Titania's Cradle," by Liza Lehmann.

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The Choral Society and its president, John Fox Weiss, put Har-risburg music lovers under obligation for bringing Madame Nordica to Harrisburg, and this should be well remembered by the public, which in return should give the Choral Society moral and financial

The concert, musically and socially, was unqualifiedly the most brilliant affair of the kind ever held in this city. No more representative audience ever greeted an artist here.

Governor and Mrs. Tener appeared for the first time before a Harrishurg audience, too, the Governor and party being guests of the Choral Society. It was the first time that the Choral Society ever entertained a Governor of the State.

Governor Tener occupied Box A of the left tier and he and his party slipped in so quietly that the big audience did not realize that he had arrived until he took his seat. Both Governor and Mrs. Tener sat inconspicuously in the rear of their box and when the former took his seat the attention of some one in the audience was attracted to the big man. Then with a burst of applause the big audience recognized the gubernatorial party.

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The recital was Harrisburg's second big social function of the inaugural week at which the executive party were guests, but not even the inaugural ball presented the gowns that helped make up a dazzling color scheme of last night's recital.

Just after Madame Nordica finished singing the aria from "Madame Butterfly" she was presented with a bunch of American Beauties that made the fairer portion of the big audience gasp.

In the Governor's box with the Governor and Mrs. Tener were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chandler, of Charleroi, and D. M. McCloskey, of the same place. Mrs. Tener wore a black gown of heavy black satin with garniture of jet and big black plumed picture hat. Mrs. Chandler wore a light blue messaline with pink chiffon overdress. At her corsage Mrs. Tener wore a great bunch of California violets with a white orchid center.

Other box parties included the following: In the box opposite the Governor's were Mr. and Mrs. John Fox Weiss, Mrs. Patton, Miss Patton and J. Frank Brady; in the next one were Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bailey, Mrs. George Douglass Ramsey, Miss Bradley and Miss Mary Cameron; Miss Jennie Dull occupied the next box with a party that included the debutantes Misses Marian Angell, Margaret McLain, Martha Fleming and Janet Sawyer. Miss Dull gave a dinner prior to the recital, at which the debutantes were guests.

The same paper which published the foregoing report treated the concert in an editorial in which Madame Nordica's drawing powers were commended. reads .

reads:

Too much cannot be said in praise of last night's concert by Madame Nordica at the Majestic Theater, under the auspices of the Harrisburg Choral Society. Coming here under a guarantee such as has been paid to no other star of the musical world, Madame Nordica drew a house that not only insured the Choral Society subscribers against financial loss, but may actually net for the society a very much needed and well earned surplus.

The Choral Society, which has for years been Harrisburg's foremost musical organization, and which has been instrumental in the arrangement of many charming entertainments in the past, has long desired to bring to our people the really great singers, but the financial risk involved has been a deterrent. Now it has been shown that Harrisburg will patronize the best if it has opportunity, and those who enjoyed last night's delightful entertainment owe a debt of gratitude to the society and to John Fox Weiss, its president, who assumed the risk involved and worked without thought of personal gain to make the concert the great success it was. It is to be hoped that the society, encouraged by the generous patronage of last night, will continue the good work it has so well begun.

#### Personal Notice.

In an article in this paper on Lucile Lawrence, the American singer who recently, through her singing in Italy as Tosca, Donna Anna, etc., made a remarkable success, it was stated that Isidore Braggiotti, the eminent Italian vocal master residing at Florence, was her teacher. As Miss Lawrence made the success as Donna Anna in Florence, it was naturally supposed that Signor Braggiotti was the master. The signor, however, writes that he had nothing whatever to do with her vocal training, and in justice to all concerned, and for truth's sake and in order that the record should be correct, this notice is printed.

Signor Braggiotti is, however, a man of such intellectual freedom and of such mental amplitude that he in refusing a claim of teaching an artist, still does not hesitate to praise her gifts and approve of her methods no matter who her teacher may have been. That is the course all teachers should pursue-but do not pursue.

#### MUSIC IN MEMPHIS.

Mrs. John A. Cathey announces that Birdice Blve, pianict, will be substituted for Liza Lehmann, composer-pianist, in the all star course appearing here this winter. Madame Bly will come to the Goodwyn Institute February 4 for a matinee. David Rispham is the next attraction in

Mr. Bispham, who is a great favorite in the course. Memphis, will come in March.

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Prospects are that Memphis is to have a week of French The Lyceum Theater is negotiating with the French Opera Company of New Orleans, and lovers of the opera are anxiously awaiting a positive announcement to the effect that they may soon hear "Madame Butterfly,"
"La Chemineau," "Mille. Trompette" and others in French.

An unusually attractive program was given by the Becthoven Club Saturday under the direction of Mrs. Ben Parker. The following numbers were included: Etude (Godard), Mrs. Hon; "The Bird in the Wood" (Taubert), Miss Darnell; "O Mother Mine" (Sinding), "Wohin" (Schubert), "Nachtstücke" (Schumann), preludes 7 and 21 (Chopin), Mrs. Hon; "The Swallows" (Cowen), "My Heart's a-Maying" (Hawley), song, selected, Mr. Kinnie; 'Cascade du Shandren" (Bendel), Mrs. Hon.

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The regular meeting of the Music Students' Round Table of the Amateur Music Club was held at the club rooms Wednesday morning, when "Form in Music" was studied. The round table is composed of sixteen of the elder girls of the club, and a most interesting outline of work is being followed. . .

Members of the Schumann Club will meet with the leader, Annie Dickson, on Saturday, February II, at one o'clock. An interesting program has been outlined. Musical games will be a feature of the afternoon.

The Mozart Music Club held a delightful meeting with Rubye Paine Atkinson Saturday afternoon. doing excellent work this winter.

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The members of the Renaissance Club enjoyed a meeting Wednesday at the home of Madge Patteson. A deing Wednesday at the home of Madge Patteson. A de-lightful program of German music was arranged by Mrs. Howard Brown. Vocal selections were given by Beatrice Darnell and Banks Jordan, while Mesdames Carnes, Lan-caster, Carruthers, Ewing, Brown and Groves gave piano A violin selection was delightfully rendered by numbers. Rosalind Klein. NOLA NANCE OLIVER.

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Raffaello de La Marca, whose vocal studio is at the Clinton, 253 West Forty-second street, is one of the masters who guarantees his pupils; that is, he stipulates when he accepts them for pupils that their voices will be properly developed. To quote from the circular which Sig La Marca has issued:

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He will be able to sing any music (written in the key of his voice) ith no difficulty of high, low or medium notes, no matter what contition his voice may be in, either from a wrong school of singing or

Signor De La Marca was a colleague of Sammarco's when both singers were studying with Cantelli in Palermo. Signor De La Marca has had many years' experience in opera abroad. He refused a fine offer when he came to America and opened his studio in which some rare talents are being trained

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Walter L. Bogert, president, and Gustav L. Becker, treasurer of the Fraternal Association of Musicians. chieved a success in obtaining for their annual dinner at Martin's the co-operation of Tito Ricordi; Henry Russell, of the Boston Opera Company; Alma Gluck, and Signor Gatti-Casazza. The subject of the January 25 meeting "Opera in English." Treasurer Becker showed receipts of about \$200, disbursements of \$100. Charles H. Meltzer, a journalist, opened the discussion by a plea that grand opera be sung in English, giving reasons why "The Pipe of Desire" (known to the opera singers as "La l'ipe") was not a success. A long telegram from Andreas Dippel was read, expressing regrets that he could not be present, and informing the company that the Philadelphia-Chicago Opera Company would next year give six Wagner Reginald DeKoven followed, and as operas in English. one of the pioneers in the English opera movement he was heard with interest, especially when he stated that 'English is singable." Signor Ricordi read an interesting nanuscript, in which he announced, among other things, that "English can be sung better than German or French," and referred to the proposed establishing of an "Ameri can Conservatory of Opera," and tendered his firm's aid. A letter from Victor Maurel expressed regrets at his absence owing to illness. Clarence Mackay, one of the directors of the Metropolitan Opera House, had nothing to say. Henry Russell asked: "Why do American singers study all languages but their own?" He stated facts as evolved in his Boston experience, one of which was that no one came to the "Debutant Evenings" when young and unknown American singers appeared in principal in consequence those performances cost the organization \$3,000 a night. He said he believed American opera comanies should be subsidized. At this period Madame Gluck, radiantly beautiful, sang a cradle song in English by Smetana, with natural, unaffected style and distinct enunciation. Stormy applause led her then to sing an air from the opera "Snegorouchka" by Rimsky-Korsakoff, her English being such that any one could understand it. Madame Arnaud sang several French chansons populaires, and the meeting was declared open for general discussion. A letter from Mr. Bispham was read by Oscar Garcissen, paying some tribute to tenor Bonci for singing several Savage sent regrets, as did Madame Nordica. Sylvester Rawling, critic of the Evening World, said practical Signor Floridia related his experience with his English opera, "Paoletta," performed for four weeks in Cincinnati, with an all-American cast (and not revived wing to managerial apathy in places where should be interest and encouragement). Albert Mildenerg counselled patience and pointed out how hard it is for the American composer to get an opera accepted and pro-There was miscellaneous talk by Fannie Edgar Thomas and others. The greatest possible interest was manifested in the matter, and applause was loud and fre-Noticeable was the generally bad diction of the speakers themselves. We are a nation of

slovenly talkers! Mentioning some of the hundred people present: Florence Austin, Charlotte Babcock, William Nelson, Burritt, Adele Laeis Baldwin, Bernardus Boekelmann, Emma Hodkinson, Wilfried Klamroth, Mrs. Lindemann, Leo Feist, Dr. J. Christopher Marks, Ovide Musin, Lillian S. Newkirk, Riccardo Martin, Paul Savage, Felix Feist, Antonia Sawyer, Carl G. Schmidt, Madame Tealdi, Anna E. Ziegler, F. W. Riesberg.

P. P. . The Wirtz Piano School gave a pupils' recital at school headquarters January 27, twenty-six pieces being played by fourteen young pianists. The pretty touch and nice expression of the younger children, the fluent technic and bravour of the older players, and the unusual accuracy in playing from memory, these were the salient points noticed. Gertrude Sauer played Lavalee's "Butterfly" very prettily; Mathilda Schloss gave two pieces by Mildenberg and Mills with expression and grace; Mary Ives showed good touch and well developed technic, especially in Moszkowski's "Scherzino." Others taking part were Marion Evans, Zillah Buell, Vesta Krein, Rosalind Ware, Beatrice Fischer, Dorothea Butterfield, May Rothwell, William Ahrens, Ella Hill. The recital proved what is well known to musically informed persons, namely, that good work is done at the Wirtz Piano School. The rooms were well \* \* \*

Pupils of Louis Miller united in a piano recital at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel January 25, which proved a very yable affair. Every number on the program, which composed of the works of Godard, Merkel, Durand, enjoyable affair. Lack, Reinhold, Beethoven, Chopin, Leschetizky and Liszt, from the one played by dainty little Sarah Alter, to those of the more advanced pupils, was enthusiastically encored, and each pianist remembered with flowers. Mr. Miller and his patrons should be well pleased with the work of these pupils, for each displayed good technic and musical feeling in unusual degree. In a program where each number was so uniformly well done it is hard to differentiate; however, special mention should be made of the finished playing of Benjamin Blank, Hyman Kossoff, Yetta Prysansky and Augusta Carton; the last named appeared in three pieces, executing the "Lucia" sextet for left hand alone with admirable skill. Solos by Fannie Levin, violinist, and H. De Pois, tenor, added greatly to the attractiveness of e program.

The song recital given by Louis Sajous on January 25 the program.

in his studio, 2 West Sixteenth street, was attended by large gathering of music lovers who appreciated fully the difficulties and beauties of an excellent program. Mr. Sajous showed delicacy of phrasing and breath control, especially in the Italian and German songs. The "Abendstern" from "Tannhäuser"; the arioso from the "Re di Lahore," by Massenet, and Saint-Saëns' "Qui donc Com-Lahore," by Massenet, and Saint-Saëns' "Qui donc Com-mande" from Henry VIII, were excellent. A peculiar charm of Mr. Sajous' singing is his clear enunciation, and thorough understanding of the languages in which he sings, much temperament and a musicianly conception of his various selections. Beatrice Raphael, at the piano, proved an efficient accompanist.

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Hein and Fraemcke, directors of the New York German Conservatory, and of the New York College of Music, utilize the hall at the College of Music for many things besides pupils' recitals. Dirk Haagmans gave an explana-tory recital on "The Rheingold," January 26, playing the leading numbers and motives, and telling the story in detail, with much vigor in the piano playing. February 23 he continues by giving "Die Walküre." Lectures by members Lectures by members of the faculty, ensemble evenings by the teachers, receptions to leading lights of the musical world, these are some of the events for which the hall is utilized, and always there is good attendance, the pupils, patrons and their friends filling the place.

Robert Henry Perkins is one of the Klibansky artist-pupils who will make his mark, such is his stature as singer. He was recently heard in the "Schusterlied"

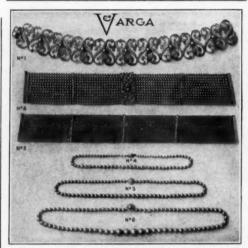
("Meistersinger"), in which there was abundant opportunity to admire his robust and expressive voice, range and excellent enunciation of German. He recently sang at organ recitals in New Jersey and at Dr. Gerrit Smith's. materially adding to the enjoyment of the program.

Henryk Mikulski, violinist, is a recent discovery of Anna Jewell's; she introduced him to the Theatergoers' Club at their reception and musicale, 200 West Seventy-second street, Sunday night. He has most sympathetic tone and expression, and is still in school. Miss Jewell played brilliant piano solos, and President Edw. O. Towne recited poems by Byron.

. . . Madame Pappenheim is busy with mary vocal pupils as usual. She is known as the teacher of many successful men and women singers. February 12 she will give her first Sunday afternoon musical reception; the second on February 26, when some good music and a notable company may be expected.

. . Moritz E. Schwarz plays the following program at his organ recital today (Wednesday), February I, 3.30 o'clock, in Trinity Church: Prelude and fugue, E flat, Bach, adagio, Spohr; variations on an American air, Flagler; "On the Coast," Buck; "Schiller March," Meyerbeer.

Eva Emmet Wycoff gave a song recital at Wells College, Aurora, N. Y., January 19, singing a group of Italian airs, and these songs by Americans: "The Lark Now Leaves His Watery Nest," Horatio Parker (Yale University); "An April Shower," B. Margaret Hoberg (New York); "Ecstasy," J. H. Rogers (Cleveland, Ohio); "An



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die Geliebte," Fritz Gaul (Baltimore, Md.); "Fountain of Love," L. Victor Saar (Cincinnati, Ohio); waltz, E. Haines (New York) Kuester-Moszkowski. The recital closed with Mercadante's "Il Sogno," for voice, piano, organ and cello. Edith A. Ellis, accompanist.

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Elizabeth K. Patterson, soprano, and teacher of singing, ang the solos from "The Messiah" for the Young for the Young sang the solos from Women's Christian Association, Harlem Branch, January

#### . . .

Christiaan Kriens will be represented on the program of the Berrere Ensemble, wind instruments, at the February 6 concert in Belasco Theater; his "Aquarelles Hollandais" for flutes, oboes, clarinets, horns and bassoons is to be of "La Cathedrale," "Berceuse" and variations on a Dutch folksong. In the first, "La Cathedrale," an unusual effect as of bells is given by the blending of tones. The second movement is a Dutch Iullaby, and the third takes an old Dutch folksong, "Piet Hein," dating back to the days of the war between Spain and Holland and the rise of the Dutch republic, and embroiders it with variations. composition will be performed for the first time in Paris in February by La Société Moderne d'Instruments à Vent, founded by George Barrère sixteen years ago.

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Siegmund Grosskopf, the well known violinist, has been engaged by Henry W. Savage as conductor for the or-chestra now with his new company "The Great Name," which is meeting with success in Chicago.

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Josefa Middecke, the New York vocal teacher, has a number of pupils representing her as teachers of her method of tone production. Grace E. Stevens, a Middecke pu pil, is a supervisor of music in the public schools o Brooklyn, and Miss Stevens has recently formed a private Another of the professional Middecke pupils has a large class in West Hoboken, N. J.

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The Granberry Piano School announces seven lectures the symphonies of Beethoven to be delivered by Dr. Nicholas J. Elsenheimer, of the faculty, in the recital hall of the school, Carnegie Hall, and will occur at noon on following Saturdays, January 28, February 18, March II, April I and 22, May 13 and June 3, 1911. The symphonies will be analyzed and fully illustrated at the piano. Admission to a single lecture is \$1: the course, \$5.

### Ziegler Institute News.

The pupils of the Ziegler Institute are much interested the lectures by Henry Gaines Hawn, a new member of the faculty. The institute aims to turn out real artists and so embraces a wide field of study. Italian and French classes are also very popular with the students. Ida Cowen has just been engaged to sing in the fine new Park Slope Church, of Brooklyn. Miss Cowen sang very charmingly at Madame Ziegler's lecture in Carnegie Chamber Music Hall several weeks ago, and was immediately engaged for the church position. Jessie Hertz, who has just received the certificate for normal tone production, has been engaged by Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pa., one of the best positions in the city. Miss Martin is soloist of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa. Miss Phillips is in charge of the voice department of Albright College, Myerstown, Pa., and has a good choir position. Several students are singing with the Metropolitan Opera

The Ziegler Institute is doing thorough work in all its courses, and is placing pupils in paying positions as rapidly as they become qualified.

### PEOPLE'S SYMPHONY CONCERT.

It is an encouraging sign of the musical advancement in this country to find the great mass of music lovers sincerely interested in hearing the works of two immortals-Beethoven and Wagner. A symphony by Beethoven, or an entire program by Wagner serve to bring out large audi-This was illustrated again last Sunday afternoon when Carnegie Hall was crowded for the third concert of the season by the People's Symphony Society. Laeta Hartley, the piano soloist of the afternoon, proved herself a well equipped and charming performer, but as the public knows little about her, it was not her name that attracted this splendid house. The people came to hear Beethoven's fifth symphony, and the performance of this masterpiece under the direction of Franz X. Arens was well worthy of this eager interest on the part of refined musical masses attending these excellent concerts.

The orchestra conducted by Mr. Arens is notably strong in the string section. Last Sunday the elasticity of the violins and cellos was a feature which aroused general comment after the concert. The concertmeister, Maximilian Pilzer, is a player with a beautiful tone and there are other young men sitting near him who possess good instruments and play them well. Aside from the fine tone quality of the orchestra, the classic spirit of Beethoven's mmortal work was manifested, and at the close Mr Arens and the orchestra (standing by request of the conductor), received a rousing ovation

Miss Hartley, with the orchestra, played the Saint-

### Martin's Success in Leading Cities.

Frederic Martin exhibits the following press notices fro leading cities in proof of the assertion that he is one of the foremost "Messiah" bassos of America:

All the soloists were capable, but unusual appreciation was accorded Mr. Martin for his magnificent singing of his bass solos. He has a voice of rare sweetness, combined with strength, and his perfect enunciation carried even in his pianissimo notes to the farthest end of the hall.—The Times, Washington, D. C., December 1.

Mr. Martin's resonant voice was one of the joys of the event He evoked great applause after his singing of "Why Do the I tions?"—the most technically difficult aria in the entire work. I certainty of pitch is the chief difficulty that encounters the singer this number, by reason of the rapid succession of non-adjoin tones, but there was not the slightest trace of this difficulty Mr. Martin's work.—The Sentinel, Milwaukee, Wis., December

Mr. Martin's rendering the exacting solos allotted to the bass part Mr. Martin's rendering the exacting solos allotted to the bassp tere charged with highly effective dignity both in voice, quality a namer of delivery. His singing gained in authority and impressi eas from the fact that his renderings were from memory. He o doubt that he is highly qualified for the part he took in the parmance.—The Times, Brooklyn, N. Y., December 23, 1910.

It is small wonder that Frederic Martin, the distinguished bas won distinction for his skillful use of a wonderful voice and a intelligent interpretation of his airs that could not fail to satisfy the most exacting. His singing of the air, "Why Do the Nations was the most individual artistic achievement in the program, and retained a relative artistic standard in his other numbers. Besid being gifted with a mignificent voice that is trained to a high digree of brilliant technic, he has the faculty of communicating of tain ratmospheric distinction in his singing. His tone is beautif and powerful, and his art seems to be guided by an unfailing it telligence.—Daily News, Milwaukee, Wis., December 30, 1910.

A Grétry museum has been established at Liége. 1842 the composer's heart was buried at the base of the erected to his memory in that city

Saëns' piano concerto in G minor and her finished technic and dainty touch were especially marked in the brilliant second movement. The fair pianist brought out Mr. Arens several times to share in the plaudits which were sho upon her. The pianist received some beautiful American Beauty roses and a box of growing tulips.

The concert was opened with the overture to Nicolai's "Merry Wives of Windsor" and closed with an animated performance of "Hellafest," which is the orchestral introduction to the second act of Humperdinck's latest opera,

Miss Lenalie, the clever manager of the People's Symphony Society, once more invited a number of blind persons to hear the concert. Several box holders gave up their places to these sightless ones, while they themselves took seats in the parquet.

The next concert in the orchestral series will take place Sunday afternoon, March 24, and for this date the Mac-Dowell Chorus will assist in presenting the following Wagnerian program:

Kaisermarsch, Die Meistersinger,
Walther's Prize Song, Die Meistersinger.
Overture, Die Meistersinger.
Messengers of Peace, Rienzi.
Siegfried's Rhine Journey, Gotterdämmerung.
Siegfried's Puneral March, Gotterdämmerung.
Spinning Chorus, Senta's Ballade.
Overture, Flying Dutchman.

### Carl Plays for Washington Society.

William C. Carl gave a recital at the residence of Edward Beale MacLean, in Washington, D. C., Sunday afternoon on the organ in the MacLean music room, MacLean mansion was handsomely decorated for the The sion. Among those present were Mrs. Sherman (wife of the Vice-President), Madame de Riano (wife of the Spanish Ambassador), Mrs. Robert Goelet, Madame Pichot, Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Mrs. Levi Leiter, Mrs. Frederic Townsend, Mrs. More, Mrs. John R. MacLean, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Anderson.

The guests were received by Mrs. Edward Beale Mac-Lean. A special program was arranged by Mr. Carl for the occasion.

Thursday afternoon Mr. Carl plays at the residence of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, at 660 Fifth avenue, and on Wednesday evening at the concert of the Brookly Catholic Oratorio Society in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn.

### Effic Stewart Gives Musicale.

Saturday, January 28, Effie Stewart gave a musicale at Saturday, January 28, Ethe Stewart gave a musicale at her home, 35 West Eleventh street, which was preceded by a dinner, attended and arranged by Ned B. Johnson and James Matthews, at a famous private pension in the Italian quarter. The following artists participated in the program: Mr. and Miss Hassell, pianists; Hugh Allan, haritone, just returned from a Montreal except green. baritone, just returned from a Montreal season of opera; Eleanor B. Barrows, soprano; Al Grien, baritone, and Miss Stewart. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loy Easton, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Driggs, Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews, Ned B. Johnson, Sadie B. Conery, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Perry, Mrs. William Allan, Mrs. Rothmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henry Warren, and Thomas Thomas.

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### Vielin Recital by Michel Sciapire.

In Mendelssohn Hall, last Wednesday evening, January 25, a young violinist, Michel Sciapiro, compelled attention and forced many skeptically inclined to turn about. Here is a violinist who has that sort of talent which not only commands attention but also respect. He surprised all those who heard him for the first time. So many fiddlers try to gain recognition by starting their climb on the rung marked New York, and so many get no farther, that a reviewer attends the debut of a newcomer with dire mis-

But the talent and ability displayed by this young man were above the ordinary. In the first place, he elected to in-



MICHEL SCIAPIRO.

troduce himself with a program which would have staggered most debutants and proved a test for the old war horses. It was indeed courageous to begin with the virtuoistic Sinding suite, the first movement of which is extraordinarily difficult and apt to lead the player into trouble if things are not just right. But young Sciapiro had nerve and confidence, and before he had played a dozen measures the eyes of all were wide open. He finished the suite in bravura style and disclosed himself as a violinist of great ability. But the real test came with the second number, the first movement of the Brahms concerto.

THE MUSICAL COURIER has been decrying, for many years, the practice of playing orchestral works on the pianespecially the accompaniments to concertos. It is detrimental to the composition as well as to the solo instrument. Some concertos suffer more than others, but none

suffers more than this self same Brahms violin concerto, which does not go at all with piano; therefore it is rarely presented that way. The violinist who has really mastered t would not subject it or himself to such impairment. It is not surprising, therefore, that the player found it beyond him. He lacks, in addition, the necessary equipoise, maturity, insight and art adequately to present this greatest of all violin concertos, which is for the ripe artist only. He attacked it, however, with vim, and left little to be desired technically—but it was not Brahms. His own cadenza was good and evidenced that he possessed decided talent in the line of composition.

This young man has brains, and with greater experience he should grow into a player to be reckoned with. He has a proclivity for double stopping which he has mastered to an astonishing degree for one of his years. He draws a big tone; he has fleet fingers, generally true intonation, and his highest notes on the E string are beautifully clear and musical (a great satisfaction). He is inclined, how-ever, to force things and to allow his youthful ardor to carry him to excesses. But these are faults of inexperience and immaturity and can be overcome. He has in him the making of a great violinist, but he must labor to attain repose and artistic insight.

His other numbers were: Minuet (Beethoven), "Moment Musicale" (Schubert), melodie (Tschakowsky), Hungarian dance (Brahms), and concerto in D major, with the Sauret cadenza.

With the shorter pieces he accomplished good results and the concerto gave him opportunity to display further

#### Christine Miller with Orchestra.

Christine Miller's numerous engagements this winter include an appearance with the Cincinnati Orchestra in To-ledo, Ohio, March 21. The concert for which the favorite contralto has been booked is to be given under the auspices of the Euridice Club of Toledo. Miss Miller is becoming more and more popular. Her singing with the New York Oratorio Society during the recent Christmas week (in performances of "The Messiah") won many admirers with the result of more engagements in the East. Miss Miller made her first appearance in Buffalo, N. Y., January 24. after which she immediately went West to sing for the St. Andrews Society in Toledo. January 30 and 31, she sang in Latrobe and Lima, Ohio. She is to have her first engagement with the Arion Club of St. Louis. Early in January the contralto gave three complete recital programs for the Tuesday Musicale of Pittsburgh, the Matinee Musical of Duluth, Minn., and the Philharmonic Club of Appleton, Wis. Miss Miller's engagements this week include concerts in Youngstown, Ohio, and Sharon, Pa

### Mrs. Bachus-Behr's Sunday Musicale.

Ella Bachus-Behr gave the first in a series of musicales Sunday of last week at her home, 69 West Eighty-eighth Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Martin were the guests of Many persons prominent in the musical and social world called to pay their respects and enjoy the musical program which was offered by Mrs. Merle Tillotson-Alcock, contralto; Bechtel Alcock, tenor, Franz Listemann, cellist, and Madame Behr at the piano. Mr. Listemann and the hostess played the Scharwenka sonata for piano and cello. Mrs. Alcock sang "Gypsy" songs by Dvorak and songs by Tosti, Beach and MacDowell. Mr. and Mrs. Alcock sang a number of duets which added much interest to a fine program,

### Henry J. Williams, Harpist.

Henry J. Williams, harpist of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, is an artist of genuine musical gifts. His playing both in solo work and the ensemble has brought him distinction with the musical public of the progressive The following notice refers to Mr. Williams' Northwest. share in a concert last month.

It was really a soloist's program, as Henry J. Williams, the harpist of the orchestra, was down for one number and David Duggan, tenor, of Chicago, was listed to sing two of the best known arias of Wagner. Nevertheless, despite the fact that Mr. Williams played with consummate artistry, the "orchestra was the thing." Mr. Duggan was, unfortunately, a negligible quantity. Mr. Williams brought forth from the archaic shadows the instrument of poetry and romance and made it seem almost a modern voice. His solo was "La Danse de Fees" by Parish-Alvars, which



HENRY J. WILLIAMS.

he played with a delicacy and tonal grasp that made one almost forget the pianoforte, the harp's natural successor, and wish that the old time instrument were heard more often in ordinary life. This composition, composed by a young Jew over half a century ago, expresses exactly what it was meant to express—a fairies' dance; it brings up the shimmering picture. Mr. Williams played it perfectly and an encore was not less brilliant.—Minneapolis Tribune, January 16, 1911.

### Gisela Weber in Boston and Chicago.

The Gisela Weber Trio is to give a concert in Steinert Hall, Boston, Monday afternoon, February 7. The evening before the concert Madame Thomas will give a reception at the Parker House in honor of Madame Weber.

The American Guild of Violinists of Chicago will have Madame Weber as guest of honor at the banquet which the organization will give in the spring. It is during this time of the year that Madame Weber will be playing at concerts in the Middle West.

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San Francisco, Cal., January 23, 1911 Madame Gerville-Reache, the noted contralto, sang here during the first week in January. Her beautiful voice much admired, and she was particularly praised for her in-terpretation of modern French rongs. Her accompanist was Gyula Ormay, a San Francisco pianist.

The Von Meyerinck School of Music gave an ancient German nativity play on December 29, at the California Club. It was sung in the original German. Following the play a program of fourteen vocal compositions was given, including old carols and Christmas songs.

The Music Teachers' Association of California gave its second pupils' recital of the year in Century Club Hall, on January 17.

N N N The California Conservatory of Music has moved into the Kohler & Chase Building, where an entire floor is occupied.

Cordelia Grylls, a vocal teacher, who has recently come to this coast from London, gave the Half Hour of Song on January 20 in Sherman, Clay & Co.'s recital hall.

Madame Tetrazzini, the great coloratura soprano, gave a return concert here on January 21, when San Franciscans showed the same enthusiasm and regard for the favorite singer as on her previous visit.

The new mass by Dr. H. J. Stewart was given at St. Dominic's Church on Christmas. This was the first time the work has been heard, and it was received with a great EVA NAVONE PROVOST. deal of interest.

### INDIANAPOLIS MELODY.

Indianapolis, Ind., January 26, 1911

On Monday evening David Bispham, Berrick Von Norden and the Baihle Trio were the principal artists who participated in an elaborate program given for the benefit of the Indianapolis Boys' Club. The first part was devoted to the one act play "Adelaide," in which Mr. Bispham portrayed the character of Beethoven with striking fidelity to the popular conception of the great master's personal appearance and temperament. The Baihle Trio. consisting of George Baihle, piano; P. Marinus Paulsen, violin, and Leroy Schwab, cello, prepared the atmosphere week.

by appearing in Beethoven's studio for a rehearsal which, with advantage to themselves. During the remainder of the act Mr. Von Norden was heard in an effective rendition of the famous song, "Adelaide." The second part of the program was opened by the Baihle Trio, which gave a fine interpretation of Godard's trio, op. 72. Mr. Bispham followed with two selections by American composers, taken from recent operas in which he has appeared, "Paoletta" and "The Cave Man." Mr. Von Norden sang two numbers to the very evident delight of his audience, and was obliged to sing a double encore. The program was closed by Mr. Bispham's recitation of "The Raven," accompaniment, in which he was ably assisted by Harry M. Gilbert at the piano. . . .

Carl Beutel, pianist, and Johannes Miersch, violinist, gave the second of their series of sonata programs on Tuesday evening, and presented a sonata for piano and violin by Henry Holden Huss, for the first time in this city. Their interpretation of the work was brilliant and effective, and its reception by the audience was enthusiastic to a marked degree. The remainder of the program was made up of solo numbers by the two artists mentioned. Friermood, baritone, who assisted, was in exceptionally fine form, and his singing of the aria from "L'Africaine The usual demands for encores was artistically done. were made upon all of the performers, and a large audience found much delight in the added numbers.

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David Baxter, the eminent Scotch basso, was the principal soloist with the Caledonian Club in its celebration of Burns' birthday, and his singing elicited much merited and GEORGE RAYMOND ECKERT. spontaneous applause.

### Parlow and Aldrich, Thursby's Guests.

Mariska Aldrich, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and Kathleen Parlow, the great Canadian violinist, were the guests of honor at Emma Thursby's fourth musicale Friday afternoon of last week at the Thursby residence in Gramercy Park. The musical program was given by Alois Trnka, the Bohemian violinist; Josephine Schaffer-Bethinetti (a professional pupil of Miss Thursby's), and two other pupils, Clara C. Strunk and Sophie Clark. Madame Bethinetti sang arias from "La Gioconda" and "Tosca"; Mr. Trnka played delightful numbers from his repertory; Miss Clark sang a group of Cadman's "Indian Songs"; Alice Avery Wakeman, Mrs. Louis Herbert Smith and Ludmilla Vojacek were at the piano. Among those present were: Mariska Aldrich, Frank Aldrich, Kathleen Parlow, General and Mrs. Stewart L. Woodford, Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mr. and Mrs. Mannsell Schieffelin Crosby, Clara Louise Kellogg Strakosch, Flora Wilson, Mrs. Charles J. Gould, Carl Strakosch, Mrs. Francis Loring, J. H. Loring, Miss Holland, Mrs. Raymond Cassinove Penfield, Eno, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Bodman, Mrs. George Washington Du Bois, Miss Ivins, Felice Lyne, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Crawford Chenoweth, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Griswold Bourne, Mrs. Henry Place, I:oberta Rae, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Shannon Dunn, Dr. Morris Class and Mrs. John A. Drake.

David Bispham will be the guest of honor Friday of this

### About the "American Indian Music Talk."

Where it is possible arrangements are being made for Dallmeyer Russell (pianist) and Paul K. Harper (tenor) to fill the dates which originally called for Charles Wakefield Cadman and Paul K. Harper in the "American In-dian Music Talk." Mr. Cadman, owing to poor health, dian Music Talk." Mr. Cadman, owing to poor health, has been compelled to give up his concert work for the season, and is at present in the Far West recuperatin

Probably no other person, with the exception of Nellie Richmond Eberhart, who wrote or selected the words for the Cadman songs, and Paul K. Harper, who has been identified with the composer of Indian music for a number of years, has been as closely associated with Mr. Cadman as Dallmeyer Russell. The friendship of these two young artists dates back many years to a time before the composer had written any piano compositions. His first piano number of any merit was composed while Dallmeyer Russell was in Europe engaged in study and concert work and was the "March Fantastique," which was dedicated to the pianist about three years ago. This piece was given its first public performance last year by Mr. Russell in Pitts-Other piano numbers by Cadman which were given première performances by Dallmever Russell are Pompadour's Fan," "Nubian Face on the Nile" and "To a Vanishing Race."

Owing to the success with which the "Indian Talk" has met during the past two seasons a large number of en-gagements were booked this season calling for the services of Messrs. Cadman and Harper. These are the bookings that Messrs. Russell and Harper will fill with organizations where such a change will be satisfactory to all con-

The first of these dates was January 19 under the auspices of the Mendelssohn Club of Rockford, Ill.

#### Eva Mylott and the Gilbert Quartet,

The following press notices, relative to the singing of Eva Mylott, recently at Quebec, have just come to hand:

Under most favorable auspices the inaugural concert of the Knights of Columbus of this city took place in their handsome new hall, situated in rear of their building on Grande Allee, last night. Eva Myiott, the Australian contraito, was the soloist of the evening. She is the possessor of a charming voice and her singing in the new hall last evening won for her high praise. Miss Mylott received hearty encores, which she so justly merited. The famous Australian vocalist, who has previously been seen here, sang in English, French, German and Italian last night.—Quebec Telegraph, January 18, 1911.

The first public performance in the magnificent new hall of the Knights of Columbus, on Grande Allee, which took place last evening, was one which proved a fitting inauguration. The Gilbert String Quartet, with the assistance of Eva Mylott, the famous Australian contralto, proved to be a strong attraction and there was a large audience in attendance.

was a large audience in attendance.

The Quartet was fortunate in having the assistance of Eva Mylott, charming of presence, and fascinating in vocal talent. Miss Mylott is not unknown to the Quebecers, who have upon previous occasions set their seal of approval upon her glorious voice. Her selections last evening aroused the greatest of enthusiasm, and she was recalled after every one of her songs. Miss Mylott is the possessor of a rich and tuneful voice, which is beautifully cultivated, and she sings right into the heart of her hearers. She rendered a wide selection of songs last night, which ranged from English to French and German to Italian. All were received with the same deep appreciation, and when in response to an encore Miss Mylott sang "The Land of the Leal," she was greeted with an ovation.—Quebec Chronicle, January 18, 1911.



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CHICAGO, Ill., January 28, 1911.

The program offered for the sixteenth public rehearsal of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra on Friday afternoon was of unusual interest, because of the appearance of Xaver Scharwenka as the soloist. The program in its entirety follows: March, "Ecossaise"; prelude, "L'Après-Midi d'un Faune"; cortege and "Air de Danse," Debussy; concerto, F minor, op. 82, Scharwenka; symphony No 2, D major, op. 73, Brahms. Mr. Scharwenka chose as his solo his own F minor concerto, and played it in a masterly manner. Composer and composition were received with great applause and enthusiasm.

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Thomas N. MacBurney, the well known Chicago vocalist, gave his annual recital in Music Hall, Thursday evening, January 26. The program was a most comprehensive and interesting one, including French, German, Italian and English numbers. The opening song Bianchi's "Tu seconda i voti miei," is new to Chicago, having been written in song form only a year ago. Mr. MacBurney's singing is especially marked by excellent enunciation, good diction and a sympathetic quality. The aria from "Pecheurs de Perles," "O, Nadir," was given an excellent reading and brought hearty applause from an audience composed of music lovers. After the German group, in which Mr. MacBurney showed fine appreciation and understanding of that language, he was forced to respond with an encore. After the French group a dainty song of Massenet's was given as an encore and pleased the audience greatly. This singer has improved in every detail since his appearance last season, and shows plainly that he is a studious and conscientious worker. Especially noticeable in the last group was Mrs. Downing's song "June," a dainty bit that appealed to the hearers. The program in full follows: appealed to the hearers. The program in full follows: "Tu seconda i voti miei" (1787), Bianchi; "Come raggio di sol (1695), Caldara; "Behold Along the Dewy Grass," Haydn; "Licht," Sinding; "Nächtiges Wandern," "Am Waldbach," Kaun; "Uber ein Stündlein," "Unter Sternen," Waingartner; "O, Nadir!" ("Pecheurs de Perles"), Bizet; "L'invitation au Voyage," Dupare; "Il pleure dans mon cœur," Debussy; "Le Voyageur," Fauré; "La Cloche," Saint-Saëns; "Elëanore," Mallinson; "The Sea," Mac-Dowell; "June," Downing; "Night Musings," Campbell-Tipton; "Mary," Andersen; "The Lark Now Leaves His Wat'ry Nest," Parker, Marx E. Oberndorfer rendered able and artistic support to the singer by his sympathetic

Mary McFie, of Santa Fe, N. M., (a pupil of the Bush Temple Conservatory), and Karl Formes, sang at Sinai Temple, January 15. Carl Presley, also of the Bush

Conservatory, was pianist on this occasion. Vernon R. Short, tenor, student of William A. Willett, of the Bush Temple Conservatory, has been engaged by the Trinity Episcopal Church. William A. Willett, of the Bush Temple Conservatory, recently appeared with the Paulist Choral Society. Mr. Willett also appeared in con-Paulist Choral Society. Mr. Willett also appeared in concert at the Oak Park Presbyterian Church. Mary McFie, contralto, will be soloist for the Chicago Rationalist
Society at the Garrick Theater, January 29. John Rankel Society, at the Garrick Theater, January 29. will sing before this society February 5. Hildred Hanson, also of the Bush Temple Conservatory, appears with the same organization on February 12. Alice Wright Baker, pupil of Julie Rive-King, and Karl Formes, pupil of William A. Willett, will appear in a joint recital in the Bush Temple Conservatory Recital Hall, Thursday, February 2. Agnes Hope Pillsbury, pianist, of the Bush Temple Conservatory, has been engaged by the Rock Island Musical Club to give a recital Thursday evening, February 2. Miss Pillsbury has also been engaged to give a recital in Winnetka, February 4.

N N N Emilio de Gogorza, the Spanish baritone, will come to Chicago for a song recital under the direction of F. Wight Neumann, Sunday afternoon, February 19, in the Studebaker Theater. This will be Mr. Gogorza's only appearance in Chicago this season,

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Alessandro Bonci, the great tenor, will be heard for the first time in song recital in the Studebaker Theater, Sunday afternoon, February 12, under the direction of F. Wight Neumann. Mr. Bonci has prepared a beautiful and attractive program which includes several English songs. Harold O. Smith will be the accompanist.

Francis Macmillen, the American violin virtuoso, will be heard in recital in the Studebaker Theater next Sunday afternoon, February 5, under the direction of F. Neumann. Mr. Macmillen's program contains the andante and rondo from Mozart, chaconne by Bach, meditations by Glazunow, introduction and rondo capriccioso by Saint-Saëns, and concerto in F sharp minor by Ernst.

Rosa Olitzka, contralto of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, was associated in the Pianola-Piano recital on Tuesday afternoon, January 24. These recitals are very interesting this season and draw large audiences of students and musicians interested in the Pianola-Piano as a method of accompaniment. Mr. MacDermid, who is at the instrument on each occasion, has proved most efficient in accompanying the various soloists and has perfected the art of mechanical playing to a high degree. On this occa-Madame Olitzka sang the romanza from conda" and the large audience was most enthusiastic over her excellent interpretation of this aria. She has long

been famed as a contralto of unusual range and the pos-sessor of a voice of sympathetic quality. She demon-strated both these qualities in this particular appearance and her singing met with such success that after repeated applause she favored the audience with an encore beautifully sung. The program was concluded by her singing of Liszt's "Die Lorelei" and seldom has Chicago heard a better interpretation of this work.

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The American Conservatory student's string orchestra will give a concert Tuesday evening, January 31, in Kimball Hall, under the direction of Herbert Butler, conductor. Harriet Hertz-Seyl, soprano, and Dorothy Lynch, violinist, will be the soloists.

Advanced pupils of Heniot Levy and Karleton Hackett gave a recital in Kimball Recital Hall, Saturday afternoon January 28, under the auspices of the American Conservatory of Music.

Mabel Sharp Herdien, one of Chicago's most talented singers, leaves next week for Toronto, Canada, where she will appear for the second time with the Mendelssohn Choir of that city as soloist in "The Children's Crusade."

Last Saturday morning's musical program in Ziegfeld Hall attracted the largest audience of the season to the college building, and proved sufficiently attractive to hold the entire assembly through a recital by vocal, violin and piano students and an operatic presentation by pupils of the school of opera, under the direction of Kurt Donath. The numbers were executed brilliantly. Opera pupils sang scene two from the third act of Weber's "Freischütz," with Mr. Donath assisting at the piano. The college announces that tickets for the morning matinees, originally issued for the first series, will be accepted for the second series, from January 7 to May 6. . . .

Ruby E. Natwick, a student of the Chicago Musical College, who recently won the first prize offered for contraltos by the Welsh Eisteddfod Association, will be heard in recital during the early part of next month.

Elsa Heiser-Kellner, a Milwaukee soprano, made her debut in the Pabst Theater, where she was well received by a critical audience. Madame Kellner's program in-Oberndorfer's entitled "Fruehling," which received such applause that a repetition was necessary. Madame Kellner had the able assistance of Marx E. Oborndorfer as accompanist, and the daily papers had this to say regarding Mr.

Oberndorfer's qualities: Mr. Oberndorfer has that keen sense of anticipation and a due gard to the quantity of tone, which qualities are the essentials f artistic accompanying. A solo number would have been most elcome.—The Sentinel.

Marx E. Oberndorfer played the accompaniments with authority and certainty.—The Journal

Marx E. Oberndorfer, well known and well liked in Milwaukee, played artistic piano accompaniment.—The Free Press.

Marx Oberndorfer's beautiful accompaniments were of the kind that appeal to the connoisseur, his playing at this concert raisin, him still higher in the estimation of artistic people and the public -The Wisconsin.

The Chicago Musical Art Society, Frederick Stock, director, has postponed its first concert to Tuesday evening, February 14. This has been deemed necessary because of the absence of several of the tenor contingent,

Josephine Fuchs, pupil of Theodore S. Bergey, has been ngaged by the Elma Smith Company to take the place of Bessie Andrus in an Eastern concert tour

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### The Philadelphia Orchestra.

The interest felt throughout the musical world in the modern French music lent additional interest to this week's program of the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Debussy num "The Sea," three symphonic sketches, being included her. for the first time. The reading by the orchestra was wonderful, with all the light and color necessary for the varying effects of this composition, of which Carl Pohlig gave a very effective interpretation. "Symphonie Fantastique," a very effective interpretation. "Symphonie Fantastique," by Berlioz, was never heard to better advantage. This symphony gives great scope for effective work, and from the dainty love melody of the "dream" to the witches' orgy the various moods fairly swayed the audience into enthusiastic applause. The final number on the program, vorspiel to "Parsifal," is a favorite number and as usual received a careful rendition

The seventeenth pair of concerts of the Philadelphia Orchestra will present: Overture, "Le Baruffe Chiozzotte" (Sinigaglia); symphony in D minor (Franck); piano con-"Les Preludes" (Liszt), played by Ferruccio Busoni; "Les Preludes" (Liszt). The soloist will lend unusual interest to the program both with reference to his work as an artist and composer and for the very high place his compositions have taken in the musical world. Aside from this, Busoni is recognized as one of the greatest living interpreters of Liszt. This will mark his only ap-pearance in Philadelphia with orchestra, and owing to the character of the occasion the prices for the single sale for these concerts have been increased by the manage-

The program for the eighth popular concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra is as follows: "Wedding March" (conducted by the composer, Goepp), suite for flute and orchestra (Godard), reverie from the "Forest" symphony (Raff), overture, "Mignon" (Thomas); Micaela's aria from "Carmen" (Bizet), Blanche Friedman; overture, "La Muette de Portici" (Auber); "Rakoczy March" (Liszt).

At the Sunday afternoon organ recital at St. James Church, January 22, Wesley Sears was assisted by Thadddeus Rich, concertmeaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Mr. Sears has made these recitals quite a feature of the Sunday services at St. James.

Walter St. Clare Knodle will be the accompanist at a recital to be given by Antonio E. Bleiha (violinist), on February 12, for the Y. H. A. S.

Gadski and Wagner-names synonymous after once having heard the great soprano in her sympathetic interpreon of the Wagnerian music-were never heard to b ter advantage than on Monday afternoon with the New

York Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Gustav Mahler. The reading of the program was given with a depth of understanding marvelous in its interpretation and intense in its portrayal of the various moods. semble work of the orchestra is to be commended for its smoothness and finesse.

John McCormack, the famous Irish tenor, and Marie Narelle, singer of Irish ballads, will give a joint recital in the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening, January This concert is looked forward to with much interest by a large circle of musicians and patrons of the art.

Perley Dunn Aldrich, the well-known baritone, was the soloist at the Unitarian Society of Germantown vesper service on Sunday afternoon, singing "It is Enough" from "Elijah" (Mendelssohn) and "Turn Ye to Me" (Dvorák). Mr. Aldrich has a voice well calculated to bring out all richness and beauty necessary to the great oratorio and it was given with wonderful effect. At the Manuscript Society concert on Wednesday evening Mr. Aldrich sang a group of songs accompanied by the composer, Gertrude

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At the Combs Broad Street Conservatory of Music two most enjoyable recitals were given on the afternoons of Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The works preented included several numbers by Gilbert Combs, the director of the conservatory, and they were admirably rendered. At the eighth Thursday evening recital given by the Beta Chapter, Sinfonia, the soloists Clar-M. Cox (violin), Earle E, Beatty and Virginia Snyder (pianist) presented a program of unusual interest, since it included the "Peer Gynt" suite (Grieg) for piano duet. It was well interpreted, also the violin sonata in D major (Raff).

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Philadelphia musical events for the following week are:

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Monday afternoon—Recital by Bartram Pescock, New York baritone, Ethel Altemus Studio.
Monday evening—"Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci," Metropolitan
Opera House.
Tuesday afternoon—Matinee musical concert, Orpheus Club.
Tuesday evening—John McCormack, Irish tenor, in recital, Academy of Music; Lydia Longscope, soprano, and Dorothy Johnstone-Baesler, harpist, recital, Griffith Hall; Flonzaley Quartet, Witherspoon Hall.
Wednesday evening—Popular concert, the Philadelphia Orchestra,
Academy of Music; "Thais," Metropolitan Opera House.
Thursday afternoon—Mrs. Phillips Jenkins recital, Orpheus
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Thursday evening—Lewis J. Howell recital, Witherspoon Hall;
Bethany Orchestra concert at the "John Wanamaker" Church.

Friday afternoon—The Philadelphia Orchestra, Academy of Music.
Friday evening, "The Girl of the Golden West," Metropolitan

Opera House Saturday afternoon-"Tales of Hoffmann," Metropolitan Opera

House. Saturday evening-"Lucia," Metropolitan Opera House; the Phil-

adelphia Orchestra, Academy of Music.

The Philadelphia Operatic Society in its presentation of the opera "Faust" in the Academy of Music on Thursday evening well deserves all praise bestowed upon it. As a finished and smooth performance it was hard to realize that one was listening to non-professionals, to a certain extent, for in the manner of stage presence, good voice and splendid interpretation, the entire performance was a revelation. Paul Althouse (Faust) possesses a voice of rare sweetness and rich in dramatic quality. He gave a splendid reading of the part and should have a brilliant

future. Helen Macnamee (Marguerite) was pleasing. Lenora Sindel (Siebel), Miriam Rubin (Martha), Frank M. Conly (Mephisto), Horace R. Hood (Valentine) and Harry J. Conwell (Wagner) completed the cast.

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On Tuesday evening, January 31, the famous Flonzaley Quartet will give the second and last concert of the season in Witherspoon Hall. The program proves to be one of extreme interest.

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Seconding his triumph of a few weeks ago with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Mischa Elman again demonstrated to his audience the marvelous technic, versatile style, intense artistry and mastery of his profession in a program well calculated to tax to the utmost every phase of expression possible to a violinist.

#### OPERA AND CONCERTS IN BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Md., January 28, 19 Never has a more beautiful production been given than Verdi's "Aida" by the Philadelphia-Chicago Grand Opera Company, on Thursday evening, January 26. The Lyric was packed to the utmost, and the brilliant audience

On Saturday, January 28, the New York Symphony Orchestra, had its first appearance here this season. The program was divided into two parts—the first being the "Unfinished Symphony" of Schubert. Part second comprised a unique feature, called by the conductor Mediaeval Christmas Mystery Play" set to music set to music by Walter Damrosch.

With the opening of the opera season many other beautiful musical attractions have come to Baltimore and served to make this past week a memorable one to music lovers. On Tuesday afternoon Madame Schumann-Heink gave a recital in Ford's Theater. Crowds thronged to gave a recital in Ford's Theater. Crowds thronged to hear the great contralto, who sang superbly. Her program consisted of: Aria from "Sapho," Gounod; arias, "Ah, Mon Fils," from "Le Prophete," Meyerbeer; aria from "Samson and Delilah," Saint-Saëns; shepherd song from "Tannhäuser," Wagner; "O, Rest in the Lord," Mendelssohn; "Liebestreu," Brahms; "Wie Dazumal," Prochazka; "Wiegenlied," Herrmann; "The Erl-King," Schubert; "When I Am Dead," Chadwick; "Light," Bauer; "Cry of Rachel," Salter; "Child's Prayer," Harold.

On Friday afternoon, January 27, the tenth Peabody recital was given by Emmanuel Wad, pianist, and his procreat was given by Emmanuel Wad, plantst, and his program was as follows: sonata, op. 90, Beethoven; vaise de concert, Glazounow; three etudes, Chopin; twelve etudes, Chopin; twelve etudes, Chopin. Mr. Wad has the distinction of being the first plantst who has ever played all of the Chopin etudes on one program. Each one was played with splendid effect and his recital was a great JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS.

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memorable concert was that of Helga and Egon Petri, the gifted children of our well known konzertmeister, Petri. Egon's execution of the piano numbers was really remarkable, while Helga was wonderful in the Schubert songs, "Ich hört ein Bächlein singen," "Auf dem Wasser zu singen," and "Ave Maria." On the program, too were some old French songs, the "Kinderlieder" of Mous-sorgsky, and songs of Weingartner, Humperdinck and Pfitzner. César Franck's "Prelude, Aria et Finale," and Pfitzner. César Franck's "Prelude, And Liszt's "Benediction de Dieu" and "Sonnambula" were the best done of the piano works.

Prof. Max Pauer gave his last concert of this season the Vereinshaus. He played the "Wanderer" fantasie by Schubert, "Rondo Brillant" of Weber, and selections by Scarlatti and Haydn, also a number of Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words," the berceuse and "Reiter" pol-Scarlatti onaise, among other things, of Chopin. Pauer played with unusual fire and aplomb, and quite took his hearers by The many recalls at the last assumed the form of

M M M At the third Philharmonic concert our redoubtable American pianist and composer, Leopold Godowsky, now at the head of the Meister Schule in the Vienna Conservatory, was one of the soloists. He gave a magnificent performance of the Tschaikowsky B flat minor concerto. and played also his own arrangement of Chopin's ". dante Spianato and Polonaise" in E flat major for piano and orchestra; Liszt's "Waldesrauchen" and the Spanish rhapsody, in all of which he shone resplendently. singer of the evening, Emmi Leisner, is the possessor of a fine alto voice, which she uses with great intelligence. Weingartner's "Ich denke oft aus blaue Meer," and Schuweingariner's 1ch denke oft aus blaue Meer, and Schubert's "Dem Unendlichen" were her best numbers. The orchestra gave an acceptable rendering of Beethoven's overture to "Prometheus." In the atelier of Freiherr von Schlippenbach a select number of invited guests assembled to hear Godowsky play his new sonata in E minor, a work of force and individuality.

Madame Jaques-Dalcroze's lieder abend was interesting and attractive and can be considered a success.

At the second evening of the Roth Trio the program comprised the D minor trio of Schumann, the B major trio of Brahms, op. 8 (new edition), and some very interesting selections from Otto Schmid's "Musik and Sächsischen Hofe," which Professor Roth played as soloist with

great finish and excellent characterization as to style and Professor Roth seems never to have played so well as this season, while the masterly cantilena of Herr Joh. Smith and the poetical feeling and rich tone of Dr. Bühlau all work together for a most delightful ensemble. Two programs of the Music Salon of Professor Roth have been of unusual value and interest. Fred Erhard, musician and reciter, delivered with overwhelming power the poem, "Enoch Arden" of Tennyson, set to music by Strauss. A trio by Ernst Naumann for piano, violin and viola, and a quintet of Ewald Strässer for piano, two violins, viola and cello were on the next program and were finely performed by Professor Roth, Konzertmeister Schiemann and Gertrude Matthaes as to the first, by Herr F. Dr. Bülau, Fräulein Matthaes and the Herrn Schiemann and Smith as to the second, both bearing the marks of able musicianship and sustained power.

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The Beethoven-Brahms evening of Percy Sherwood was very well attended by his many Dresden friends. Mr. Sherwood had taken upon himself an almost herculean task in performing on the same evening two such great and difficult works as the op. 3, of Beethoven, and the variations of Brahms on a theme of Handel, besides Beethoven's op. 27. No. 1 (sonata quasi fantasia), and a large number of other compositions by Brahms. The fact that Mr. Sherwood had almost disabled a finger may have accounted for some lack of clearness and accuracy in attack and phrasing, but taken as a whole, the work was a monumental testimony to his great musical capacity and wonderful powers of endurance; further, the real musical content was delivered as by a musician who thoroughly understands and feels the musical worth and greatness of the work he has taken in hand. Pure musical enjoyment was the result.

An event which was awaited for some time with interest and anticipation on the part of the general public was the exposition of the old French dance forms belonging to the seventeenth century, which Professor Buchmayer has ex-plained and annotated so ably, and of which performances were given last April. Although we have the musical form of all these old style dances composed for instruments as in the suites of Bach, like the gigue, the passepied, the courant, the minuet sarabande, bourée, allemande, etc., yet there existed no records of exact information which were legible or comprehensible except in the "Coreographie Feuillets" (1700), and these contained only the number and names of the different steps, but no directions or explanations as to their performance. However, Professor Buchmayer with great patience and after long research has been able with the aid of old German and English works containing descriptions of these dances to arrive at a com-plete understanding of the exact manner in which they were performed. Without going into the detailed account such as Buchmayer gave at the recent seance in the Vereinshaus, it will be sufficient to state that he described the measures and rhythms, the dress and manners of the period, showed in what respect they differed from the commonly accepted ideas which have prevailed for years, and in every way aided an absolutely correct representation. Buchmayer played admirably his arrangements for piano of the music originally composed for orchestra such men as Henri d'Anglebert, Couperin, Lully and others of that olden time, so that one could get an accurate idea of the different accents, etc. The two chief members

of the ballet corps of our Royal Opera, Clara and Martha Gäbler, had devoted long time and study with Buchmayer preparatory to these performances, and were artistic and charming in their wonderful portrayal of these old and stately steps. E. P. FRISSELL.

### OPERA IN CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, January

The much heralded "midwinter season of grand opera in Cleveland," which, it must be said with a blush, consisted of a single night's performance last Thursday, was not what might be called an unqualified success. Indeed, "success," qualified or not, is scarcely the word to be used when one considers the obstinate way in which Clevelanders kept their hands in their pockets when they were urged from the standpoint of musical patriotism to lay down seven round dollars on the glass ledge of the Hippodrome box office for a ticket entitling them to hear a double performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Il Pagliacci," with Dalmores and Caruso in the respective leading roles. It is claimed by the Hippodrome management that the house was almost entirely sold out for "Salome." When a member of the "Salome" cast succumbed to sudden illness the double bill aforementioned was put on. The house was Four boxes out of a possible twelve, half but half filled. the first floor, three-fourths of the balcony and all the gallery were occupied. All else was vacuous. Why Perhaps the Hippodrome management had not sold as many seats for the Salome performance, in view of the fierce campaign waged against it, as it alleged; perhaps Cleveland is a city that will pay seven dollars cheerfully to see the Salomian wiggles, but not to hear magnificent voices of those true artists, Caruso and Dalmores; or, perhaps Cleveland thinks it is not right to be compelled to pay seven dollars to hear performances of "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana," especially as the Hippodrome has such an enormous seating capacity. Who knows? would be interesting to know the innermost thoughts of the Hippodrome management on this question. But when it comes to the artistic side of the night of grand opera praise must take the place of scepticism. Principals, chorus and orchestra were superb. In "Cavalleria Rusticana" Jean Korolewicz as Santuzza, Tina di Angelo as Lela, Charles Dalmores as Turiddu, Armond Crabbe as Alfio and Ferrar Pattini as Lucia made up the cast. Attilio Parilli directed. In "Pagliacci" Madame Zepilli as Nedda, Armond Crabbe as Silvio, Signori Costa as Tonio, Ventur as Beppe and Caruso as Canio were the principals. Campanini conducted and received as great an ovation for his splendid work as did Caruso. From every standpoint it was the best performance of grand opera that has been given in this city.

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The Opera Club has engaged the Euclid Avenue Garden Theater for the week of May 22 for a production of "The Mikado," "The Bohemian Girl" and "Erminie." The club begins rehearsal on "The Mikado" next Monday. Charles Sommer has been chosen by the club as director for these performances. Geraldine Watrous, Francis Sadlier and Mrs. Wm. G. Cleland are among the vocalists who have been engaged for the principal roles.

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Madame Sembrich, assisted by Frank La Forge, the noted composer-pianist, will give a recital of folk songs in the Grays' Armory Friday night. R. N. O'NEIL

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### PROVIDENCE MUSICAL NEWS,

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 26, 1911.

Pavel L. Bytovetzski, a prominent violinist of this city, has completed his work, "Progressive Graded Technique for the Violin," which has been purchased for publication by the White-Smith Company, which is considered to be one of the most comprehensive treatises on the subject ever written. The work is divided into three parts: Vol. I, "Development of Finger Strength, and Independence in All Positions." Vol. II, "Double Stopping," and Vol. III, "Bowing Studies." It will be out about March I.

Mischa Elman's first appearance this season in this city was on January 3 with the Boston Symphony. He chose for his solo Lalo's "Spanish Symphony" and, of course, played it exquisitely.

Loyal Phillips Shane is to be one of the soloists in "Faust," given in Gloucester, Mass., by the Choral Society

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Xaver Scharwenka celebrated his birthday this month by playing a recital before the Providence Musical Association. The recital was one of the concerts in the Students' Course Series, of which Lucy H. Miller is manager. Mr. Scharwenka was also entertained after the recital at the Providence Art Club, by one of his old friends, Hans Schneider, director of the Hans Schneider Piano School. Mr. Schneider has recently been appointed musical director of the Rhode Island National Guard. Among the curios of recent years, is a piano built by Does, of Amsterdam, in 1595. This ancient instrument has come into sterdam, in 1595. This ancient instrument has come into the possession of Mr. Schneider, who is having it repaired and will use it in coming recitals. The 126th recital of the school took place on January 11 in Recital Hall.

The regular monthly meeting of the Rhode Island branch of the National Association of Organists was called to order by the president, Myron C. Ballou, at his studios on January 12. The speaker of the evening was Frank E. Streeter, organist of the Mathewson Street M. E. Church, who gave a most delightful talk on "My Sunday Mornings With Widor in the Organ Loft." Discussion and a social hour followed, in which new members were gained. following is a list of members to date: Myron C. E Bertha Antoinette Hall, Arthur H. Ryder, Newell L. Wilbur, Elizabeth Slater, Sanford E. Hawkins, Harry A. Casey, C. Le Roy Grinnell, Lemuel G. Carpenter, George H. Lomas, Emma Louise Greene, A. Lacey-Baker, Paul A. Colwell, William Moss, Walter Gardiner Dawley, Frank E. Streeter, Charles F. Kelley, Florence Ames, Susie E. Brown, Mrs. C. Sidney Smith, Herbert F. Towne, Gene W. Ware and Charles V. Cronk.

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Providence had the pleasure for the first time a week ago of listening to Anton Witek and his wife, Vita Witek, in concert-recital of a fine program as follows:

"Kreutzer Sonata" (Beethoven), chromatische fantasie

and fugue (Bach), concerto in D major (Paganini), rondo capriccioso (Mendelssohn), rhapsodie hongroise, No. 14 (Liszt), "Faust Fantasie" (Sarasate). The refinement of judgment exhibited by both players at this recital was most satisfying, and it is realized that such cannot be the case except with the very best artists. Mrs. Cross, director of the Listeners, is to be credited for having given this city the opportunity of hearing such a fine performance.

Before the same club Cecil Fanning, the popular baritone, sang for the fourth time on Monday evening. Mr. Fan-ning is a great favorite with the club and a full house greeted him. He was best in the group of Southern songs and Loewe's "Der Erlkönig." H. P. Turpin, as usual, did ample service at the piano and in prefacing Mr. Fanning's songs with analyses and explanations

At the fifth annual recital of Signor Gilli's pupils in the Lamperti Opera Club, he was formally presented with a gold ring set with a solitary ruby. The soloists were Mary Egan, Alice Kehoe, G. A. Rainville, D. Mucino, Mr. Astol-fo, R. Calando and Signor Gilli. John H. Cliff was the accompanist. The program consisted of arias, duets and quartets of the standard operas, mostly old Italian.

Again the American Band has changed its director; this time Warren R. Fales, the well known musical philanthro-pist, holds the position and it is hoped that the band will retain the efficiency it enjoyed years ago when the late D. W. D. Reeves was at its head.

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The Providence Orchestral School, a comparatively new organization, Roswell H. Fairman, director and manager, gave its first public recital last week in Memorial Hall. In this organization is held the nucleus of a symphony orches-No better material can be found anywhere and a better director than Mr. Fairman could not be wished for. It simply remains for the people of this city to encourage, support and appreciate, for the aim is to build up as good

an orchestra as possible and with the talent located here orchestra should be one of no meager quality. number of the program was played well, but the per-formance of the symphony by Haydn deserves more credit. In such pieces as Schumann's "Traumerei" the weak points in the playing become prominent, and an orchestra must be of more than average quality to give a fair rendering. May Ellis and Sara Kennard Corbett played the brilliant parts of Bach's concerto for two violins very Mr. Fairman is to be highly commended and enouraged in this work and urged to prepare more recitals of like character.

The Narragansett Choral Association of Peacedale, R. I., held its first performance of the season last week with the production of Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" and Coleridge-Taylor's "Minnehaha." The chorus did excel-Phillips Shawe receiving much applause for the fine rendition of the difficult baritone solos in "Minnehaha." Helen Ames and Marjorie Culverwell sang a soprano duet, "I Waited for the Lord," which was exquisitely sung. Dr. Jordan conducted.

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Ella Beatrice Ball was the assisting soloist at one of Mrs. Child's recitals this month. Miss Ball continues to captivate her audiences by her masterly violin playing. Mrs. Child's pupils showed careful training in technic and

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Warren R. Fales, the new leader of the American Band, made his initial appearance in that capacity last evening and was warmly received by a large audience in Infantry Hall, where the band gave a concert under the auspices of the Franklin Lodge No. 23, I. O. O. F. When the concert was half completed, United States District Attorney Charles A. Wilson, a long time friend of Mr. Fales, stepped to the platform and presented to him a gold badge on behalf of his friends and fellow musicians of Providence. General Wilson spoke of the band's history, naming those who had been instrumental in building it up and giving it a national reputation. Louise Arnold Kenyon, so-prano, assisted, and Bowen R. Church, cornetist; Claude Spary, trombone, and Fred Padley, piccolo, rendered solos. Spary, frombone, and Fed Fadrey, pictors, fethered solves. The program consisten of "Eighth Regiment March" (Reeves); overture fantasy, "Tromphle" (Rubinstein); "Danse Characteristique" and "Danse Russo" (Tschaikowsky); piccolo solo, "Fantasia Pastorale," by Fred Padley; "Shepherd's Life in the Alps" (Kling); song, "Gai Paplion" (Hawley), by Miss Kenyon; angelus from "Scenes Pittoreque" (Massenet), "A Southern Wedding" (Lotter), cornet and trombone duet from "Aida," by Messrs. Church and Spary; fantasie burlesque on old and humorous melodies (Kappey); song, "Come, Come, Oh, My Hero," from "The Chocolate Soldier" (Strauss), by Miss Kenyon; selection from ballet "Excelsior" (Morenco); "Figoro's Wedding" (Mozart).

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A very enjoyable recital was that given at the studio of Harriet Eudora Barrows, when she introduced her pupil, Claudia Rhea Fournier, assisted by Dora Boucher (violin), and Gene W. Wau (piano). Madame Fournier is gifted with a contralto voice of unusually wide range and a wed richness. The accurate pitch of her tones and a perfect articulation made her group of songs a real light to her large audience. She was, perhaps, best in the French group and in the "Will o' the Wisp' (Spross), and "Flower Rain" (Schneider), the latter of which fairly sparkled with life and gaiety. Mlle. Boucher and Mr. Wau added greatly to the pleasure of the program.

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For the first time in the history of the State, occurred the consecration service of Rhode Island's Bishop. This

service was solemnized at the Cathedral Church early in month, when the Rt. Rev. James De Wolf Perry, Jr., received the holy orders. The music for the occasion was most impressive and deeply devotional: "Come Unto Me" (Coudrey), "They That Wait Upon the Lord" (Stainer), and communion service in A (Gounod) being extremely well rendered by the choir under the direc-tion of George F. Wheel-right, and Mrs. George F. Wheelright (organist).

The Fröbel Hall series, under the competent manage-ment of Lucy H. Miller, have been termed one grand success. The first concert was a piano recital by Avis Bliven Charbonnel. As always, her interpretations were beautifully proportioned and convincingly authoritative. One recol lects afterward how ample and controlled were the technic and coloring displayed-at the time, the listener's impression was a purely musical one: the compositions themselves were presented with compelling sympathy. In the Schu-mann "Papillons," Madame Charbonnel's interpretative mann interpretative grasp was especially apparent, though each of the numbers by Beethoven, Debussy and Liszt was also made to speak true to its native accent. The program itself was excellently ordered and combined thus: Sonata, op. 27, No. 1 (Beethoven), "Papillona" (Schumann), concert etude (MacDowell), nocturne, "A Night in Granada," and prelude (Debussy), ballet music from "Rosamunde" (Schubert-Fischoff), "Marionettes" (Stcherhatcheff), rhansodie No. 12 (Listt). Beatrice Hereford the English monologist, commanded the attention of the audience at the second concert. Miss Hereford created a fine impression and it would be a pleasure to hear her At the last concert Alice Preston (soprano) was assisted by Leon Van Vliet (cellist), and Gene Ware (accompanist). Miss Preston has a voice of pleasing quality and high range. Her medium register is especially good. Arthur Foote's "Land o' the Leal" was given a good. most effective rendering and was applauded with much en-thusiasm. Mr. Van Vliet's soul fairly sings through his instrument. He certainly is a true artist. The smaller group of his program was played in as fine a manner as could be wished for. Mr. Ware's firm but delicately played accompaniments added greatly to the success of the

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Through a mistake of the last Providence letter, John McCormack's concert in Infantry Hall was not noted. This concert will take place on February 1. He will be assisted by Nina Dimitrieff (soprano) and Felix Fox (pianist). A full account of the concert will be given in the next letter. BERTHA ANTOINETTE HALL.

### Cecile M. Behrens' Musicale.

In the White and Gold Hall of the Hotel Plaza, last Friday afternoon, Cécile M. Behrens gave a musical in which she presented herself as teacher, pianist and accom panist. Mrs. Behrens' contributions were, as always, artistic and afforded much delight to her hearers. Schmitt, a young pupil of Mrs. Behrens, displayed in her playing that she had been well taught and possesses ex-cellent talent. David Schmidt showed considerable skill and played his violin solos with taste. Katherine Fleming-Hinrichs also gave pleasure with her vocal selections.

Following is the program:
Prelude
Monody
Rigoletto ParaphraseLiszt
Clara Schmitt.
PolonaiseChopin
Cécile Behrens and David Schmidt.
Melody
Ouvre tes Yeux Bleus
Ah, Love but a DayBeach
Er ist's
Katherine Fleming-Hinrichs.
Canzonetta
Serenade
David Schmidt,
Au Matin
Humoreske
Mes Joies
EtudeLinzt
Ballade, A flat
Cécile M. Behrens.

### Francis Rogers at the Universities.

During the month of February Francis Rogers will sing t five of the large Eastern universities; Harvard, Yale. Columbia, Princeton and Bryn Mawr. In addition, he will be heard in concert in Flushing, Waterbury, Conn., and twice in New York City. His exceptionally large repertory renders his programs especially valuable and attractive to

The experts seem to be agreed that opera in English is not only desirable, but feasible. All that remains is for English speaking musicians to write operas worth listening Rochester Post Express.



Sr. PAUL. Minn., January

In the midst of the dazzling array of color and vivacity which is the characteristic of so much of the ultra-modern music it is a real joy to hark back occasionally, even beyond the days of pyrotechnics and brasses, to the flowing melody and simple clearness of other days. The Haydn symphony in G major, which was the opening number on the program of the St. Paul Orchestra at the Tuesday evening concert, was a real delight to lovers of pure, simple, absolute music. The cleanness and delicate phrasing for which the orchestra is justly famed served to bring out this work in a thoroughly ideal way and gave it the old world setting so necessary to its real spirit. Olga Samaroff played the Grieg A minor concerto and olga Samaron played the Grieg A minor concerto and also a group of piano solos consisting of the prelude in G minor (Rachmaninoff), nocturne in F sharp major and ballade in A flat major (Chopin). The "Swan of Tuonela" (Sibelius) was a most eery and yet soothing flow of melody played by Joseph Chabr on the English horn with great effect, to the sombre accompaniment of the orchestra. The Liszt Hungarian rhapsody, No. 2, made a fitting climax to the rather romantic group of numbers and added the bit of vivid color necessary to bring out the more neutral shades. M. M. M.

The monthly meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be held in Minneapolis on February 15, and on February 22 the first church service of the chapter will be held in St. John's Church.

Ruth Alta Rogers, of Superior, Wis., gave a recital at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Ia., January 10, and will appear in recital in Tarkio, Mo., next month.

The St. Paul Choral Art Society, under the direction of Leopold G. Bruenner, will give a concert in Park Congregational Church on Thursday, February 2, assisted by Georgh H. Fairclough, organist.

A young planist of the Northwest, studying abroad, was presented by her teacher with one of his own compositions. Prompted by courtesy and doubtless a little, too, by pride in his knowledge of English, he gave to the composition what he conceived to be the English transla-tion of its title. When the favored pupil received into her hands the prized manuscript, its title read, "Drizzling!"

Mabel Du Rose, accompanied by Bess Hutchinson Cochrane, sang a group of songs at the meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Tuesday after-

The Schubert Club president's reception was held Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. Warren S. Briggs received the club members at the home of Mrs. H. S. Cole.

The meeting of the Schubert Club this week was the occasion of a reciprocity program given by members of the Matinée Musicale of Duluth. Ruth Alta Rogers (pianist), Mary Syer Bradshaw (mezzo-soprano) and Carlotta Simonds (accompanist) were chosen to represent the Duluth Club. The opening number of the program,

nata in E minor (Grieg), was played interestingly and well by Miss Rogers, who appeared again to play, a, Carillon (Oldberg), b, "Jeux d'Eau" (Ravel), and as the lon (Oldberg), b, closing number of the program, nocturne in E major, maclosing number of the program, nocturne in E major, mazurka, op. 33, No. 4, scherzo in B minor (Chopin). In the "Carillon" Miss Rogers secured perfectly the effect of chimes with delicately blurring overtones and made of the piano a veritable chime of bells set swinging in harmony. Miss Bradshaw, whose contributions to the programment of the company of the programment of the contributions to the programment of the programment of the contribution of the programment of the contribution of the contribution of the programment of the contribution of the contributio gram consisted of a German and an English group, was suffering from a severe cold, and it was doubtless owing to this that there was a considerable lack of warmth and resonance in her high tones. A clear and distinct enunciation and charming presence make for enjoyment of Miss Bradshaw's work. Miss Simonds was a clever and effi-cient accompanist. The program was somewhat long and many left before the last number, thus missing one of the best things the afternoon held.

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Marie Ewertsen O'Meara will be the soloist at a Grand Forks Symphony concert in March.

MARIAN COE HAWLEY.

### MANAGERS' DINNER.

With the object of discussing business affairs and forming a musical managers' association, R. E. Johnston, the widely known manager, gave a dinner at Cafe Martin last Friday evening. The guests were Richard Copley, representing the Quinlan International Musical Bureau; J. E. Francke, manager; L. G. Charlton, manager; M. H. Hanson, manager, and Fitzhugh Haensel, of the Haensel & Jones Bureau. This was the menu:

Cocktail de Copley "Entre-Nous"
Grape Fruit à la Elman
Céleri Amandes Salées Olives
Petite Marmite Busoni
"N'oubliez pas le Grand Pionnier Wolfsohn"
Filet de Sole "International"
Médallion de Ris de Veau "Premier Accord"
Mignon de Bœuf à la Charlton
Paymes à "Ullvisson" Pommes à "l'Unisson" Haricots Verts "Inséparables" "Haensel's Grande Idée" Sorbet à la Adams
Ruddy Duck au Sang "Solidarité"
iz Sauvage Fried Hominy Riz Sauvage Frie Gelée de Groseilles Salade à la Sembrich Salade à la Sembrich '
Coupe Mary Garden
Corbeille de Mignardises "Symphonique à la Russe"
Café Filtre Directeurs Locaux "Very Weak"
Cigarettes à la Johnstoin
G. H. Mumm, Cordon Rouge
Kristaly Spring

It is understood that the object of the formation of this Musical Managers' Association is for the purpose of protecting the business against imposition by certain local managers who engage artists from the above managers As a matter of course, the majority of the local managers throughout the United States and Canada are reliable and trustworthy people and conduct their business along honorable lines, but there are many instances when artists are sold or placed through the New York managers into un-It would be a good thing for the New York managers to protect themselves against such cases It is to be hoped that the formation of the Managers' Association will eliminate from the field these irresponsible outside speculators. The Musical Courier has long been in sympathy with the New York managers in this endeavor, and the paper is in hearty accord with this movement of the managers.

### Tina Lerner in Berlin.

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BERLIN, January 30, 1911. To The Musical Courier:

Tina Lerner had a tremendous success at her recital



MINNEAPOLIS, January 28,

The second concert in the series of national programs which Mr. Oberhoffer has arranged was one of the most interesting that has ever been given in the city. Of course, the fact that it was an all-American program intensified curiosity, but after all, that had very little to do with the appreciation of the real musical public because the skillful program building and intrinsic worth of the numbers spoke for themselves. It was a touch of real art which led Mr. Oberhoffer to conclude the concert with that beautiful and patriotic air, "The Festival March and Hymn to Liberty," by Hugo Kaun. Although Kaun is not an American, the national feeling and color are so strong in this selection, which was written in Milwaukee, that was a dignified and suitable climax to such a program. Chadwick's 'My Jubilee" is, in the words of the program notes, sonorous, exultant and highly colored work" which always shows the efficiency of the orchestra at its best. Next came MacDowell's symphonic poem, "Launcelot and Elaine," which offered much merit in a contrasting color. Arthur Foote's suite in E was pleasing in itself, but was overshadowed by its "better half" of the double number, Carl Busch's "American Folksong." Minneapolis fell in love with Carl Busch's works when he conducted a concert of his own compositions here last season. He is one of the few who have invested our old familiar tunes with that dignity and charm which are free of jocular levity. "The Defeat of Macbeth," by Edgar Stillman-Kelley, was, perhaps, the big event of the afternoon. It is vivid program music of that rare kind which really pictures. Large nd broad in its treatment and bewildering in its wealth of sound, even if one has not read the program notes he could not fail to feel the approaching doom of some sort pictured in the galloping horses and clash of arms and rattling steel. Madame Hesse-Sprott sang the aria from "Mary Stuart" by Mrs. H. H. A. Beach, and a group of American songs by Chadwick, Foote, MacFadyen, and Willeby. Madame Sprott was at her best, and her full, warm voice reached to the limits of the hall and, what is far better, to the hearts of her appreciative hearers.

. . The date for the annual meeting of the Minnesota State Music Teachers' Association, May 9, 10, 11, has been decided on this early in the year to give every one time to arrange for it. The meeting will take place in Minneap-olis, and a gathering of all the teachers and musicians of the city is planned by the president, Hamlin Hunt, to secure the hearty co-operation of every one with the view of making this meeting one of unprecedented helpfulness and interest.

. . The great event of the season for the Thursday Musical occurred on Friday evening in the piano recital given in the Auditorium by Ferruccio Busoni. So well had the executive board planned that the concert was a great success

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and the unusual spectacle of so large a hall being well filled with an interested and appreciative audience for a piano recital shows what can be done by way of patronage of the best in art. The affair was given social color with several receptions by members of the Musical, and every member was given a chance to meet Mr. and Mrs. Busoni. The executive board consisted of Mrs. Harry W. Jones, club president and chairman; Mrs. Charles J. Babcock, Mrs. George K. Belden, Mrs. Nellie C. Bailie, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Ira J. Covey, Mrs. Frederick E. Thomas D. Church, Mrs. Samuel M. Dick, Mrs. William O. Fryberger, Mrs. Charles L. Gilman, Mrs. Horace M. Hill, Mrs. R. C. Hodge, Mrs. Charles H. Hunter, Mrs. Edward S. Hughes, Mrs. Wendell P. Mosher, Annette B. Muckey, Mrs. Max P. Vander Horck, Mrs. Percival M. Vilas, Mrs. Horace V. Winchell. The program was all Chopin and The program was all Chopi Liszt, except one Bach-Busoni number, of which Mr. Bu-soni is master. Nothing but praise can be uttered for his earnest, masterly presentation of the numbers, and the audience could hardly be quieted, so great was the desire to hear more of his playing. The Bach number was especially satisfying, and the evening was one which marks an epocli in the successes of the Thursday Musical. The program, in detail, was:

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The Thursday Musical this week enjoyed another of the reciprocal programs that have occurred from time to time during the year. Ruth Alta Rogers (pianist), Mary Syer Bradshaw (mezzo soprano) and Carlotta Simonds (ac-companist) were welcomed as representatives of the Matinee Musicale of Duluth, and gave the following program before a large audience: Sonata in E minor (Grieg), "Wohin" (Schubert), "Monatsrose," "Wilde Rose" (Eulenburg), "Sehnsucht (Castello), "Ich trage meine Minne" (Strauss), "Waldesgespräch" (Schumann), "Carillon" (Strauss), "Waldesgesprach" (Schulland), Carlon (Oldberg), "Jeux d'Eau" (Ravel), "How Much I Love You" (La Forge), "Spring," "If I Could Steal Your Wings," "Lovers" (Hill), "Dearest" (Homer), "Idyll" (MacDowell), "My Love" (Fogel), "In Arcady" (Woodman), nocturne, E major; mazurka, op. 33, No. 4; scherzo in B minor (Chopin). The Thursday Musical meeting was followed by a reception at the home of Mrs. J. B. Gilfillan in honor of Madame Busoni.

. . . Pupils of David Patterson, of the Northwestern Con servatory, will give a recital on February 9, at which the program will consist chiefly of Kramer studies. In this recital Mr. Patterson expects to show the process by which his good results are achieved.

. . Miss Bender, of the Northwestern Conservatory, gave a dramatic reading of "Romeo and Juliet" at the home of Mrs. F. S. Martin, 2420 Hennepin avenue, before the Malva Cameron and Lou Fletcher, pu-Shakespeare Club. pils of Fredric Karr, assisted on a Riley program given at St. Mark's Guild Wednesday evening. Augusta Anderson, pupil of Frederic Fichtel, gave a piano concert at Ma-

ple Lake, Wis., last Monday evening.

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At the Student Hour on Thursday afternoon Margharite Fisher, a pupil of Frederic Karr, of the Northwestern Conservatory, read a cutting from "Lady Frederick." Bertine L. Steers sang "In the Dark, in the Dew" (Coombs), "To Mary" (Maude Valerie White) and "Serenade" (Tosti). Lillian Groona and Julian Johnson, pupils of Gertrude Dobyns, gave the following piano numbers: "Idylle" (MacDowell), "Arabesque" (Debussy), nocturne (Paderewski) and danse (Debussy). On Friday evening

pupils of the dramatic art department presented "The Burglar," by Margaret Cameron. Those taking part were Pearl Gordon, Nellie Cole, Margharite Fisher, Marguerite and Genevieve Lewis. The third act of Dane's Defense" was also given. Those taking part were Arthur Longley, Willard Webster, Charles E. Fisher, Morton Miller, Elwyn T. Kelley, Louise Dyer and Maud Ford. On the same evening Arthur Vogelsang, assisted by two of his pupils, Ranghild Holmquist and Bertram Bailey, presented the last act of "Faust" before a good sized audience. At the Saturday morning Faculty Hour Elizabeth Brown Hawkins sang a cycle of songs, assisted by Gertrude Dobyns at the piano. Nellie Cole, pupil of Flora Belle Carde, is to give a dramatic recital Wednesday evening, February 8, at the Joyce Memorial Church. Miss Cole is to be assisted by Edna Overlock (soprano) and Janet Ellis (pianist). On Thursday evening pupils of Elizabeth Brown-Hawkins gave a vocal recital, the following taking part: Katherine Sullivan, Georgia Collins, Nelson, Reba Newcomb, Margaret Frederickson, with Dutchess Goodenough, accompanist. On Wednesday evening, February 1, the Conservatory Club will entertain the members and guests at an informal party in the Conservatory Recital Hall. The student recital on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock will be given by junior students of Pearl Loeffler Bexstrom, Elizabeth Brown Hawkins, Florida Henault Tressel, Flora Belle Carde, Maude Merril Topham, David Patterson and Fram Anton Korb. The Faculty Hour, Saturday, February 4, will be a dramatic and piano recital.

Piano pupils of Stella Spears and elocution pupils of Alice O'Connell, of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, are announced for a recital in the school recital hall. The following pupils will participate: Edwin Brown, Madalon Kischel, Louis Gluek, Helen Zes-baugh, Marion Holbrook, Louise Ross, Leo Hirschfield, Pauline Worth and Orpha Ryans Friends are cordially invited. Wilma Anderson-Gilman, of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, gave her sec-ond interpretative recital last Wednesday. Her subject "What Imagination and Stories Have to Do With Music." The next recital will be given next Wednesday, February I, at 2 o'clock, and the subject will be "Music in America," MacDowell. The regular Saturday morning faculty recital was given yesterday morning, January 28, at 11 o'clock. The following very interesting program was given: "Rigaudon," Raff; "1620," MacDowell; "Toccata," Scarlatti; "Perpetual Motion," Weber, Wilma Anderson-Gilman; E major nocturne, Chopin, Mrs. Gilman; concerto No. 2, Liszt, Mrs. Gilman, assisted by Maude Peterson. The program for next Saturday morning, February 4, will be given by several of the advanced pupils of William H. Pontius.

M M M Carlyle Scott, of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, gave his third lecture before the Normal piano class last Monday. The subject was, "How to Teach a Beginner to Read and What Material to Use for Such Work." The subject for the next recital will be "Scale Construction" and "How to Present Sc and Proper Exercises to give a Beginner." Alice O'Connell, of the dramatic department of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, assisted at recital at the Prospect Park Congregational Church last Wednesday. Dorothy Russell, a pupil of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Holt, of the dramatic department of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, gave several of her popular monologues at the home of Mrs. E. L. Carpenter last Saturday evening. Miss I assisted on a program at Monticello last week. Miss Russell also . . .

The play selected by the University of Minnesota Draratic Club for its regular mid-season performance this year is Pinero's beautiful sentimental comedy, "Trelawney of the Wells." In some respects it is the most ambitious attempt the club has ever made. The play is a comic satire on so called "tea-cup" dramas of the early sixties, espe-

cially done to poke fun at Tom Robertson and his plays, the most significant of which are "Home," "School," "So-ciety" and "Caste," the last of which was recently played Miss Truax at the Lyric Theater. Tom Wrench, the leading male role in the comedy, is claimed by some to be a portrait of Tom Robertson himself. There are over twenty speaking parts in the play and nearly every one is a distinct character bit giving the actor a chance to make "hit." In this respect the play is peculiarly fitted for nateurs. Of course, interest centers about Rose Trelawney, the girl actress, who fell in love and left the stage, out all of the college actors are well fitted with parts. Unusual interest is taken in the play at this time, as it has been revived by Charles Frohman in New York City with Ethel Barrymore in the title role. The New York critics differ in regard to Miss Barrymore's acting of Rose Trelawney, but all recognize the unusual attractiveness of the play. The university performance is under the direct the play. The university performance is under the direction of Charles M. Holt, of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, and has been in re-hearsal for the past six weeks. It will be given in a downtown theater early in February, probably the Shubert, uncement will be made in a few days. The following is the full cast:

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James Telfer Frank Harris
Rose Trelawney
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A group of thirty students of the Johnson School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art attended the Busoni recital on Friday evening. Gustavus Johnson and Agnes Lewis, heads of the piano and vocal departments of the Johnson School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, gave a program of piano and vocal numbers at Unity House Thursday evening.

Gustavus Johnson will play several piano solos at the oncert of the Augsburg Glee Club Tuesday evening, January 31.

Agnes Lewis, of the Johnson School, goes to Mankato, February 3, with the Imperial Quartet, for a concert in the Mankato Normal School. Jean Vandegrift, class of 'og, Johnson School of Music, who is taking graduate work with Gustavus Johnson, has a large class of pupils at Albert Lea, Minn. The annual series of lectures on musical analysis, including normal training, before the senior and junior classes of the Johnson School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art, given by Gustavus Johnson, will begin on the afternoons of February 6 and 7.

St. Margaret's Academy this week had the second of a series of biographical lectures by William Crosse. subject of this lecture was "Mozart," illustrated by Mr. Crosse at the piano. N M M

The pupils of the piano department of St. Margaret's are having examinations today.

MARIAN COE HAWLEY.

The last duet and chorus ("The Girl of the Golden West") were marred by a noisy scramble for all doors and by the hisses of those thus disturbed. Such occurrences are too frequent at the Metropolitan Opera House They would be more in keeping at the Pompton (N. J.) Opera House than at the hub of America's musical wheel. New York Evening World.

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HEMENWAY CHAMBERS, 'Phone 1439 B. B., Boston, Mass., January 28, 1911.

With Max Fiedler conducting and Anton Witek as on of the soloists, the officers and subscribers of the Cecilia Society entertained the members of the chorus at a cert given for them in Jordan Hall, January 23. In this gracious manner was the chorus repaid, since, owing to its affiliation with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the members may not invite their friends to the concerts now as has been the custom heretofore. The affair thus partook of the nature of a private family gathering, with the choral body taking the major portion of the entertainment upon itself by rendering the greater part of the program, of which Mr. Witck's solos, including Corelli's "La Follia," Sinding's romance in E major, a minuet by Raff, and the "Three Hungarian Dances" of Brahms-Joachim, intensified the musical interest of the occasion for all concerned. This was all the more interesting by reason of the fact that Mr. Witek again made himself so keenly felt despite the absolutely impersonal manner of his playing. ner savoring more of the musical disciple giving speech to the creative moods of his master than of the great virtuoso before his public. This very reticence and reverence on Mr. Witek's part, however, calls forth an all compelling seriousness of attention on the part of his hearers that is both remarkable and gratifying, proving, as it does, that the really great artist becomes greater through the re-flected ideals cast by his own sincerity, over the minds and hearts of his audience. With Mrs. Witek to aid the concertmaster by her exquisite accompaniment, his playing became the artistic feature of the evening. Of the choral numbers, the "Wings of a Dove," by Howard Brockway, was an effective number, excellently sung, and César Franck's "One Hundred and Fiftieth Psalm" made an auspicious opening for the finely trained body of singers. The excerpt for chorus and baritone from the "Salamaleikum" of Peter Cornelius, which closed the concert, was splendidly and authoritatively rendered by Earl Cartright, soloist, to the impressive accompaniment of the chorus.

The eighth midseason concert of the People's Choral Union, Frederick W. Wodell, conductor, was given before a large audience in Symphony Hall, December 22, and enlisted the solo services of Florence Dunton Brown, soprano; Anna Miller Wood, contralto; Clarence B. Shirley, tenor; Earl Cartwright, baritone; Florence M. Payne, soprano, and Master Raymond Ott, soprano. Although Rheinberger's "Christoforus" is not exactly an inspired choral work, still it was given a careful performance, in which the artistic solo singing of Miss Wood, in the small opportunity given her, and the splendidly authoritative

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oratorio work done by Mr. Cartwright, stood forth preeminent throughout the performance of the evening.

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The sad anniversary of MacDowell's death, which took place on January 23, three years ago, emphasized all the more strongly the noble efforts being made by his bereaved wife in placing the work of the MacDowell Memorial Association on a substantial financial basis. Difficult as it is for Mrs. MacDowell to travel, there is no one who could take her place in this work, since, as pupil, wife and ideally loving comrade of the great master, she embodies in herself all the necessary attributes of the gifted pianist and interpreter, in addition to the convincing sincerity which only comes through having lived the experiences one relates.

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A movement having for its aim the interesting of moneyed people of Boston and vicinity in a plan whereby opera tickets may be procured for half rates by the needy music student, has been quietly started by Mrs. Harry



MADAME LIPKOWSKA AT HER BIARRITZ VILLA.

Elisha Converse, of 256 Beacon street, some six weeks since, and in the light of recent developments promises to become a well organized musical philanthropy before very long. The plan in concrete form is to create a fund consisting of smaller or larger donations with which to meet the deficiency, so that the organization may ultimately be enabled to buy outright the less expensive seats for each performance of opera and thus guarantee full rates to the management in return for the privilege of first choice. The committee of ways and means formed from among the prominent educators and philanthropists present already

goes a long way toward insuring the ultimate success of this worthy project.

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Andrea Sarto made a most emphatic success in the role of Frederick McKay in the production of the "Maestro's Masterpiece," a drama written for the purpose of introducing singers in excerpts from operas, and now being given in the Boston Theater.

The Flonzaley Quartet found a sold out house and many standing at the second concert of this superb organization in Chickering Hall on Thursday evening. The en-thusiasm of the Flonzaley reception, too, accorded well with the numerous audience, and for once it was apparent that virtue in the form of the best music faultlessly rendered, met with its just reward. The program of the evening included the Haydn quartet in G minor, op. 74, No. 3, adagio from quartet op. 59 by Emanuel Moor, Italian serenade by Wolf, and the Beethoven quartet in F major, op. 59 No. 1. Of these the adagio by Moor was heard here for the first time and created a profound impression by the peculiarly fascinating moodiness of the themes and their treatment. Mr. Moor writes not like a man heedful of the musical doings of the present day, but like a hermit shunning all and gaining thereby his spiration pure and unsullied from the wellspring of his own individualistic birthright. In this way one hears strangely familiar and still unfamiliar echoes attuned to the rhythmic pulse beat of the times, and yet not of them. The Flonzaleys played this number, as they did the rest with the deep insight, true musical significance and the absolute subjectivity of each individual to the whole which marks their work apart—the great recreative result of the highest human inspiration. . . .

Emil Liebling, the well known pianist and pedagogue of Chicago writes in the following vein to Esther Gronow, composer of the recently published "Moonlight Sketches": "I am very glad indeed to receive your charming 'Moonlight Sketches' and expect to use them in my work. They are thoroughly musical and effective." This high praise from such an authority speaks for itself in no uncertain terms.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Hubbard have every reason to feel encouraged at the excellent showing made by their pupils in general and Charles F. Hackett in particular as the following list of dates and works successfully performed by this rising young tenor during the season thus far gone so eloquently proves: October 24, performance of "Faust" in Lexington; November 3, miscellaneous concert in New Bedford; November 10, soloist in the Breton Folk Songs by Liza Lemann at Marblehead; November 17, miscellaneous concert in Fitchburg; November 23, recital with Heinrich Schuecker, harpist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra at West Roxbury; November 25, tenor soloist with members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Milford; November 28, joint recital with Mr Schuecker at Wellesley Hills in the afternoon and soloist with the Schubert Club in Malden in the evening; December 14, joint recital with Mr. Schuecker in Dorchester; December 16, a performance of "Elijah" with the Brockton Choral Society; December 20, soloist at the North Shore Club, Lynn; January 4, soloist with the Hoffmann Trio, Concord; January II, miscellaneous concert, Boston; January 16, an appearance in the "Redemption" with the Nashua Choral Society; January 24, miscellaneous concert at South Framingham; January 30-31 Gloucester Festival, where Mr. Hackett sang in Mendelssohn's "Hymn of where Mr. Hackett sang in Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," Gounod's "Faust" and took part in the afternoon concert given between the oratorio performances; January 25, an appearance with the MacDowell Club in Chickering

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Hall. These dates in addition to his heavy bookings for the next two months certainly speak volumes in praise of a vocal method that permits this incessant work and still leaves the voice as fresh at the close, as at the opening of the season.

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Appie Keller Wilson, a former Bostonian and later graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Dresden, is meet ing with much success in her lectures on the Wagnerian music dramas before clubs and educational institutions.
Recent press clippings received from Norfolk, Va., speak
in the highest terms of Miss Wilson's artistic efforts in that part of the country.

John McCormack's promised Symphony Hall recital on the evening of February 5 has roused tremendous interest among friends and music lovers, and a large audience is already assured for this occasion,

Richard Platt played a group of piano numbers by Edouard Schytte at the miscellaneous program given at the close of the Harvard Musical Association banquet, which took place at Young's Hotel, January 27.

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In answer to the importunities of friends and musicians, Clara Tippett has at length decided to step actively before the public as a soloist, and made her reentree at a musical and tea given for her by Miss Young of Beacon street. The result proved so successful that Mrs. Tippett has since received many engagements, which will keep her busily employed for the remainder of the season.

Interest in the weekly recitals of the Faelten Pianoforte School continues unabated, and large audiences are in attendance every Thursday evening in Huntington Chambers Hall. At the private exhibition given by several pupils Saturday morning, January 27, a number of prominent educators were present, who expressed their keen appreciation of the excellent all round musical work done at the school.

The Boston Orchestral Club, Mrs. Richard J. Hall, president, and Georges Longy, conductor, gave the following program of novelties at its Jordan Hall concert on Jan uary 25, with the assistance of Mr. Mason, pianist, and Mrs. Hall, saxophone soloist: "Ouverture de Fête," Ca-Hall, saxophone soloist: "Ouverture de mille Saint-Saëns (first time); adagio pour Cordes, Guillaume Lekeu (first time); variations pour piano et or-chestra, Rhené-Baton (first time); pianist, L. Stuart Mason; "Polyeucte," Paul Dukas, ouverture pour la "Tragédie de Corneille" (first time) ; "Sibéria," pour saxophone et orchestre, Henri Woollett (first time) ; "Armor," time); "Armor marche pour une "Fête Joyeuse," Silvio Lazzari (first time). There is certainly a deal to be said in praise of Mrs. Hall's musical efforts in bringing the newest works of the French composers for a first hearing in Boston, but, after all is said and done, the really inspired works of the French school are just as rare as those of any other school, hence why favor especially the French composer? The program of Wednesday was decidedly a case in point. Aside from the adagio by Lekeu, written for strings, with solos for the varying string instruments, there was nothing of any particular musical merit that called for this special distinction, while the very juxtaposition of composers of the same school really militated against an effective hearing through lack of definite contrast. Of particular distinction, though, was the solo playing of Mrs. Hall, the saxophone, with its soft, melancholy timbre, sounding like a rich contralto against the skilfully played orchestra background. Mr. Mason deserved a finer medium for his pianistic talents than the variations allowed him, but the large audience rewarded the participants as they deserved, irrespective of the worth of the compositions.

The orchestra of the New England Conservatory, George W. Chadwick, conductor, and advanced students, pined forces in an interesting recital given in Jordan Hall, January 27.

Lila Wellington, a pupil of Mrs. Clara Tippett, has been engaged for the soprano position at the Congregational

Church, of Leominster, Mass., while Ethelynde Smith, of Portland, Me., another pupil, sang at a vesper service in Auburn, Me., with marked success. . . .

University Travel to the Home of Music and Musicians -what is it? Well, first of all, it is travel and good times while traveling; secondly, it is hearing music and occasionally hearing about music, while it is also hearing and meeting the great musical artists of Europe. It also has many other unusual features, which those interested may find out for themselves by inquiring at the Bureau of University Travel.

Alexander Heinemann, the celebrated German lieder and ballad singer, was heard in this vicinity for the first time at the Endowment Fund Concert of the Milton Educational Society in Milton Town Hall, January 24. The audience, which had assembled from far and near, was both large and with marked enthusiasm. both large and appreciative and received the singer

The Steinert Hall concert by the Gisela Weber Trio announced for February 6 is creating much interest in Boston. Madame Weber was heard to splendid advantage in this city last season and is highly esteemed wherever good violin playing is known.

Carlo Buonamici will be the assisting artist with string quartet in the Schubert quintet for piano and strings at its closing concert in Chickering Hall, February 21, while Felix Fox will assist the Hoffmann quartet at its mber concerts in Jacob Sleeper Hall on the evenings of February 17 and March 28, the Fox-Buonamici School being thus well represented in the active musical life of the . . .

A first performance of Gernsheim's "To Drama" and the appearance of Heinrich Warnke of the orchestra as soloist in Saint-Saëns' melodious cello concerto were the chief features of this week's Boston Symony Orchestra concerts. Between these numbers came Reger's stupendously drawn out variations and fugue on a merry theme (a sort of linked sweetness long drawn out), which only reconciled the hearer to the title by the really magnificent sweep of the work at the close. The remainder being a maze of contrapuntal eloquence which undoubtedly brought joy to the Regerian heart, but little of the same feeling to the listener. Gernsheim again is colossal in his thematic upbuilding and general orchestral treatment, but not much else. For the student the ingenuous weaving of the composition as a whole unoubtedly possesses a deal of interest, for the music lover who does not wish to remain in the school room during the remainder of his life, there is little outside of its "bigness" to commend it. Mr. Warnke's appearance, therefore, brought its own welcome relief. Possessing a smooth, well rounded tone, thorough musicianship and the romantic feeling essential to the proper conception of Saint-Saëns' elegantly suave composition he created a splend'd impression by his work, one, too, which the audience was not slow to realize, since it signified its approval by recalling him a number of times at the close. With Wagner's massively brilliant "Tannhäuser" overture as the closing feature, Mr. Fiedler was enabled to marshal all his orchestral forces in this as in the preceding num-bers, proving once again that the marvelous proportion and euphony of the Boston Symphony Orchestra becomes as plastic clay in the hands of the master leader.

GERTRUDE F. COWEN.

### Great Throng Greets Nordica in Pittsburgh.

(By Telegraph.)

PITTSPURGE, Pa., January 26, 1911.
Nordica concert here tonight drew the largest audience in Pittsburgh during the past six years. Carnegie Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity; the receipts surpassed the sums taken in at the memorable Melba three years ago. Madame Nordica was in superb voice and received a tremendous ovation after her rendition of "The Erlkönig"; the audience refused to leave the hall until she had sung again. Gadski Again with the Philharmonic.

Madame Gadski has established a record this nging five Wagnerian programs with the New York Philharmonic Society in Greater New York. Four of concerts took place in Carnegie Hall and one at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn. Last Friday afternoon, in response to a popular demand, the Philharmonic Society gave a special Wagner concert (the fifth with Gadski as soloist within three weeks). Again Carnegie Hall was crowded and although the offerings were familiar to the listeners who showered their enthusiasm upon the prima donna and Gustav Mahler, the conductor. The order of the program follows:

Overture, Flying Dutchman, Tannhäuser, Overture and Bacchanale. Tannhäuser, Introduction and Elizaheth's Aria. Tannhäuser, Elizaheth's Prayer. Parsifal, Vorspiel and Glorification. Tristan und Isolde, Vorspiel and Liebestod.

Walkure— Ride of the Valkyries.

Madame Gadski was even in better voice than at her previous appearances in New York this season. She is one of the ideal Wagnerian singers, for she has learned to sing the music lyrically. There is no apparent effort to deliver the dramatic contents in the Elizabeth greeting nor in the sublime "Liebestod." Then it is always good to hear a genuine dramatic soprano in this music, and not a mezze or contralto attempting to sing parts written for a higher By her radiant appearance, too, Madame Ga showed that the recent concert tour has not impaired her charms, vocal nor personal. She tooked as young as ever and seemed, indeed, to be in superb condition. The audirecalled her a half dozen times after each number.

Mr. Mahler gave renewed evidences of his control over the orchestra. The climaxes were splendid and there were moments when the tone quality of the orchestra was matchless purity and heauty. The strings and wood winds of the Philharmonic Society are nearly faultless, but the brasses and drums still require some toning down and polishing.

### David Bispham's Popularity.

The following criticisms of David Bispham are fairly typical of the notices which the distinguished American baritone has been receiving this season. Mr. Bispham's popularity never shows any sign of diminution, indeed, his services are ever in demand, not only for concert but for oratorio, and the number of his engagements increases each

Season:

The popular old masterpiece, Mendelssohn's "Elijah," was the offering of the Schubert Oratorio Society at the first concert of the season. To David Bispham, in the principal role, that of Elijah, belongs much of the credit for the superior merit of the concert, his fine art of interpretation and intelligent control of a voice that possesses every element of the perfect dramatic baritone, together with a distinguished bearing, have placed him in the front ranks of concert singers today. The operatic stage, for which he is so well equipped, has not seen him for some years, but the concert platform has been the gainer, and that is perhaps as satisfactory a field of endeavor. His artful rendering of "It Is Enough" won a storm of applause and his reading throughout was consistently painstaking and thoroughly delightful.—Newark, N. J., Star.

Bispham lived up to his reputation as America's greatest interpreter of song. Although possessed of a baritone voice of rare quality, his art is so magnetic one forgets what the voice or who the singer is—the hearer is entirely absorbed by the selection being

As an introduction to his group of modern songs Bispham gave Louis Elbel's "Calm Be Thy Sleep," the words of which were written by Thomas Moore. The song, which is very artistic and has a fine rhythm, was exceptionally well received. One of the most effective numbers of the group was Pietro Floridia's "Invocation to Youth." It affords exceptional opportunity for dis lay of talent such as possessed by Bispham and he gave the song an unusually fire dramatic inter retation.—South Bend., Ind., Tribuny.

### Inga Hoggsbro's New Compositions.

Inga Hoegsbro has just finished a new composition, Serenade for Baritone," dedicated to the Danish singer, Other compositions of hers are berceuse Mr. Birkerod. for contralto with cello obligato, "Mother's Song" soprano, berceuse for soprano with violin obligato, love song, "Mona," for tenor. Also "Be Strong" for soprano.

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CINCINNATI, Ohio, January When the Emery Auditorium is completed, as it will probably be within the next nine months, another splendid concert hall of modern dimensions and design will have been added to the dozen or so which the country already possesses. The auditorium is to be a part of the Ohio Mechanics' Institute and it is called the Emery Auditorium because the new building for the Ohio Mechanics' Insti-tute is being erected by Mrs. Mary M. Emery as a memorial for her husband, the late Thomas J. Emery. The new site of the institute is at Walnut and Canal streets, about blocks from the famous old Music Hall, where festivals and concerts have been held for the past thirty odd The new auditorium, designed by Samuel Hannaford & Sons, is to be of reinforced concrete and steel construction, absolutely fireproof, and will seat 2,200 people. The building extends east and west, with the front facing the west on Walnut street and the rear on Clay street. It is about 180 feet long and half as wide, with an elevation suffi-cient to accommodate two galleries. A feature of the building is the large corridor on the south side of the building. The automobile entrance will be on Clay street, under a wide portico opening directly into the corridor, from which entrance to all parts of the house can be had. By having the automobile entrance at one end of the building and reserving the entrance exclusively for that purpose it will relieve congestion and remove all source of danger to those leaving the building by the front entrance. The interior will have the general appearance of a theater, except that the proscenium arch is about twenty feet wider d relatively higher than in theaters of the same sizethat is, fifty-five feet wide and forty-five feet high, orchestra pit in front is to be covered by a portable stage, so that nearly the entire orchestra (for symphony concerts) can be seated on the stage and in front of the drop The seating arrangement is similar to that in curtain theaters, except that there are no boxes. In place of boxes there are eleven stalls. Eight of these are on the main floor between the parquet and the dress circle—four on each side of the house-and will seat six people each Three other stalls are double and occupy the center of the balcony front. These will seat eight people each. There is a large foyer for each floor, and in front of the foyers are rooms which may be used for lounging or committee rooms or may be occupied as offices by some one connected with the building. The stage is very large, as one may imagine from the proscenium, and will be fitted up with scenery and all theatrical apparatus, so that it can be used for opera or for theatrical purposes. Ample dressrooms are provided at the rear of the stage. building, it is expected, will be completed in time for the symphony orchestra concerts next season, and it will be the future home of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

\* \* \* The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra returned this orning from a very successful Western tour, having been

heard in Omaha, Wichita and Kansas City. The orchestra opened the new municipal auditorium and theater Wichita, and participated in three concerts, in which the seating capacity of the house-5,500-was taxed at each performance

The College of Music scholarship recital at the Odeon Monday evening was something of a surprise in that the pupils presented—one and all—delivered themselves in the manner and with the assurance of mature artists rather than embryo performers. The program was as follows.

Organ, Spring Song
Voice-
Recitative, O Did'st Thou Know the Pangs of Absent Love, Handel
Aria, As When the Dove (Acis and Galatea)
Piano, Ballade in G minor
Voice, My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice (Samson and Delilah),
Saint-Saëns
Alma Beck,
Valse Brillante in E major
Howard Hess.
Bird songs-
The Wood Pigeon         Liza Lehmann           The Starling         Liza Lehmann           The Yellow Hammer         Liza Lehmann           The Wren         Liza Lehmann           The Owl         Liza Lehmann           Cecilia Hoffmann         Liza Lehmann
Piano-
Erzählung (A Tale)
Twelfth RhapsodyLiszt

Piano, Rhapsody d'Auvergn o and orchestra...Saint-Saëns Rhapsody d'Auvergne, for piano and orchestra...Sain
Howard Hess.
(Orchestral part on second piano by Romeo Gorno.)

The playing of Mr. Hess was particularly brilliant. He has fine sense of color in music and is thoroughly equipped technically. Add to this a warm, singing tone and a delightful understanding of rhythmic nuances and you have the artist who needs only to be heard to be appreciated. Alma Beck is a young woman of nineteen or twenty, and it would seem impossible that she could have the great depths of voice and emotions to compass "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" and "Nur wer die Sehnsucht Kennt," she proved herself fully adequate in both numbers, as. indeed, in everything she sang. Cecilia Hoffmann is a young singer of classical mold. This paper had occasion to mention her fine work in "Paoletta" some months ago. She has even improved since then, and sings with unusual dignity and understanding. Helen Sebel gives promise of being a pianist of importance one of these days, for she is cast in the big mold and plays in the grand style. Miss Rowlett's opening numwork was very enjoyable, ber on the organ was well played and quite in keeping with the rest of the performance. It was, in fact, as men-

tioned at the beginning of this paragraph, a concert that would have done credit to well schooled professionals. N N M

Mozart's birthday (155th anniversary) was celebrated by the Woman's Club music department Friday afternoon.
The program included the C minor fantasia and sonata as arranged for two pianos by Grieg, played by Mrs. Adolph Klein and Mrs. S. Jewett Waterman; the recitative and aria, "Non mi dir," sung by Elinor Droppelman; sonata for violin and piano in D<sub>r</sub> played by Mrs. Henry Ern and Mrs. Klein; "Kyrie," à capella, for five sopranos, sung by

Katharine C. Bennett, Rose Fisher Smith, Flora McIvor Smith, Elinor Droppelman and Jessie L. Thomson; aria "In re Pastore," sung by Mrs. Bennett, with violin obligato by Mrs. Ern; and a symphonic concertante in E flat for violin and viola, played by Jessie B. Broekhoven and Ada Parker. The beautiful auditorium was filled to its capacity by members and served after the musicale, capacity by members and a few invited guests. Tea was

To see a line of hundreds of people at an early hour of the morning waiting to buy tickets to a popular concert by a symphony orchestra is an unusual sight, but that is what have been seen in front of the Grand Theater at 8 o'clock this morning. The ticket office opened at 8.30 and half an hour before that time the line was formed of boys and girls, men and women, messenger boys, chauffeurs and others eager to get seats for the concert tomorrow afternoon. The line reached from the ticket window out through the front of the building and around the side beyond the stage entrance. It continued until 11 o'clock when all seats had been disposed of.

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The Schumann-Heink recital has been postponed until February 14 on account of illness of the singer.

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Supplementing that list of "S" musicians given by Mr. Liebling last week, the writer would add Sgambati, Scriabine, Stojowski, Sternberg and Stokovski,

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In passing it might be remarked that modern tendencies in music should never lead one (or rather two) to the belief that a Mozart fantasia arranged for two pianos by Grieg can be given a performance other than excruciating unless the pianos are in tune themselves and with each

Answering "A. B. C.," of Macon, Ga., would say: history of music will show that the great event of 1710 (some historians say 1709), to which reference was made a fortnight ago in this correspondence, was the invention of the pianoforte by Christofori. It was, to be sure, frowned upon by Bach as exhibiting a dangerous modern tendency," and Rameau, Alessandro Scarlatti, Dominico Scarlatti, Haydn or Mozart did not pay much attention to Even Beethoven was doubtful of its utility, but finally gave it his complete sanction and memorialized its 100th birthday by the composition of a certain work known as op. 106, "Grosse Sonata für das Hammer Klavier." This onata, by the way, was composed in 1818, eight years after the centenary anniversary of the piano, but at that time it was supposed that Schröter, of Germany, was the inventor of the piano, and it was about 1718 that he made his first successful hammer action. Mozart owned a piano the last few years of his life, but he was never a great per-former on it like Clementi because his technic had been acquired on the harpsichord and he did not seem able to accommodate himself to the radical change the action of the newer instrument required. Haydn wrote a few things for piano the last few years of his life, but it is generally conceded that Clementi's sonata, op. 2, was the first real piano music written. The early sonatas of Beethoven can be played as well on the harpsichord as on the piano, and it is not until one reaches his op. 13 ("Sonata Pathetique") that the real necessity of the piano is felt.

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John A. Hoffmann, the gifted young tenor, only recently returned from an extended European stay, has become a



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warm favorite with Cincinnatians and his services are much sought. By his song recital devoted to Hugo Wolf songs, given under the auspices of the Woman's Club last week, he reaped a harvest of most deserved praise as the possessor of an exceptionally fine tenor voice, an interpreter of the German lied without equal in this city, and a musician through and through. His most recent triumph was achieved at a private musicale given by Mrs. John Ewing Woods at the Country Club, Grandin road, January 23. His voice was a delight to hear—pure lyric, yet rich in quality, into which he put fervor, variety of expression and artistic sincerity which disclosed his sure command of the finer resources of his art. Mr. Hoffmann's artistic equipment destines him to become one of the foremost tenors of the day. His program, full of interest and variety, was as follows: "Hark! Hark! the Lark!" and "Ständchen" (Schumann); "In Waldeseinsamkeit" and "Ständchen" (Schumann); "In Waldeseinsamkeit" and "Auf dem Schiffe" (Brahms); aria, "Cielo e Mar" ("Gioconda") (Ponchielli); a Cycle of Life (Landon Ronald): Prelude—"Life"; spring—"Down in the Forest"; summer—"Love, I Have Won You"; autumm—"The Winds are Calling"; winter—"Drift Down, Drift Down"; "What the Man in the Moon Saw" (Stillman-Kelley); "Mother o' Mine" (Tours); "When Sylvia Saunters By" (De Koven); "I'm Wantin' You, Jean," manuscript (Leighton); "O Primavera" (Tirindelli).

The next faculty concert given by the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music will present Frederic Shailer Evans, pianist, and Bernard and Julius Sturm, violinist and cellist

respectively, with the assistance of Carle Wunderle, violinist, and Max Schultz, viola, of the Symphony Orchestra, in an evening of ensemble music, Wednesday, February 15.

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The Cincinnati Conservatory of Music announces two piano recitals by students from the artist department, the first to be given by pupils of Frederic Shailer Evans, Tuesday evening, February 7, and the second by Theodor Bohlman's class, Monday evening, February 13.

The annual Bach celebration, which the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music has maintained for many years past, will occur on Friday evening, February 24, when a Bach program, participated in by students from all the departments, will be given.

OSCAR HATCH HAWLEY.

### Noble's "Gloria Domini" Sung Under Jaques.

T. Tertius Noble, the English cathedral organist and composer, of York, cabled Edmund Jaques, organist and choirmaster of old St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity Parish, his best wishes for the first performance in America of his (Noble's) festival cantata, "Gloria Domini." Could he have been present, January 25, seen the large audience gathered at the noon hour, hear his work sung by the excellently trained choir of mixed voices, an orchestra of thirty players, Moritz E. Schwarz at the organ, Dr. Dufft singing the solos, Edmund Jaques conducting, he would have felt that his good wishes had been fullfilled. The work bears impress of earnest ideals, reiteration of a trio of what might be termed "leading chords," lending a certain homogeneousness; there is lovely melody, with fluent contrapuntal devices calculated to heighten interest, and fine solos for baritone voice. Six and eight part harmony and dramatic climaxes abound, both in the orchestral and vocal parts, and Noble's work may well claim the attention of American choirmasters, being altogether admirable, practical music.

Preceding the work Mr. Schwarz played Mendelssohn's overture to "St. Paul," and as postlude Guilmant's "Finale in E flat," with that taste and complete technical mastery which marks him. Mr. Jaques conducted, and there was some notable hymn singing, as always at old St. Paul's, whose vicar, Rev. W. Montague Geer, M. A., is himself a musical enthusiast.

January 26 Mr. Jaques was presented with a beautiful gold watch, in commemoration of ten years' activity, from the clergy, choir and friends in the congregation. Among organists present were Homer N. Bartlett, Victor Baier, Irma R. Courtenay, H. Brooks Day, Will C. Macfarlane, Louise Thayer, Richard Henry Warren, Frank E. Ward, F. W. Riesberg.

### Empire Academy of Dramatic Arts Matinee.

Students of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts (Empire Theater Dramatic School) gave two plays in the Empire Theater on January 26—"The Dream of a Spring Morning," by D'Annunzio, for the first time in America; "Masks and Faces," the old comedy by Reade and Taylor, and "Come Michaelmas," by Keble Howard. The theater was filled to the last seat and an auspicious season thus inaugurated. It is the plan of Franklin H. Sargent, president of the institution, to give these students' plays every other week, so condensing all the porformances within two months' time.

### MUSIC IN DES MOINES.

DES MOINES, Ia, January 25, 1911. In place of the regular meeting of the Fortnightly Musical Club, on Friday, January 20, the afternoon's program was given by George Frederick Ogden (pianist), and was made up of selections from the Russian and French modern school. Mr. Ogden preceded each group by remarks on the trend of modern music. His program included gavotte (Glazounow), barcarolle (Liadow), nocturne for the left hand (Scriabine), prelude in G minor (Rachmaninoff), "Sonatine" (Ravel), and a group by Debussy. At the conclusion of the program, which was greatly enjoyed by the club and its guests, refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. Mrs. F. C. Hubbell, at whose home the recital was given, was assisted in the dining room by Mrs. Grover Hubbell and Mrs. Jefferson Polk.

The date of Busoni's recital here has been set for March 6. The great pianist will appear under the auspices of Highland Park College of Music. Dr. Nagel, dean of the music department, is already actively promoting the affair and judging by the wonderful impression made by Busoni last year and the interest displayed in his second appearance, the attendance will be record breaking.

Mrs. Charles S. Hardy (pianist), who is the only honorary member of the Fortnightly Musical Club, has consented to give an afternoon recital for the benefit of the club. The date has been set for February 21 at Hoyt Sherman place. Mrs. Hardy needs only to announce such a project and an audience is assured, while the reception which will follow the program will prove very attractive to many.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 18 the "Women's Club Chorus," composed of forty of the prominent singers of the city, appeared in concert at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium under the direction of Dr. Frank Nagel, dean of the Highland Park College of Music. This is the sixth season Dr. Nagel has conducted this organization and the splendid singing of the ladies on this occasion, reflects great credit upon their conductor. An orchestra of twenty-five pieces assisted, and during the program played several numbers in such a manner as to arouse great enthusiasm. This feature added in a great measure to a very artistic program. The final number was Liza Lehmann's intermezzo, "In Sherwood Forest," which received its second presentation in America on this occasion. This work enlisted the services of Grace Clark-De Graff (soprano), as soloist, whose singing of the part was entirely adequate. This work is certainly one of the best of this great composer's numerous beautiful works, and Dr. Nagel's reading of the score was very delightful. Mrs. Frank Cummins, as accompanist for the club, at all times gave the chorus splendid assistance.

At the Inter-Collegiate Glee Club contest, at which time clubs from the State University at Iowa City, the Agricultural College at Ames, and Grinnell College will compete for honors, the judges who will decide on the merits of the clubs are Dean Holmes Cowper, of Drake Conservatory of Music, Dr. Frank Nagel, Dean of Highland Park College of Music, and Mrs. James C. Davis, president of the Fortnightly Musical Club. The event takes place on Friday night, January 27.

A "modernized" presentation of "Bohemian Girl" was given on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, January 23, 24 and 25, in the Auditorium, by the Aborn Opera Company. It is quite safe to say that a better spectacular and scenic presentation of the opera was never given. Horses are in great evidence, especially where Devilshoof, the gypsy chieftain, escapes up the mountain side on horseback. Ducks, geese, pigs, dogs, etc., add their share to the gypsy-like atmosphere and many new and wonderful "stunts" are entertainingly introduced. In the gypsy fair scene, the tumbling by a troupe of acrobats brought out enthusiastic applause. The music was satisfactorily sung. Blanche Duffield in the part of Arline revealed a lyric soprano voice of great sweetness. Bertha Shalek, as queen of the gypsies, satisfied both by her singing and appearance. The rendition of "The Heart Bowed Down" and "Then You'll Remember Me," by James Stevens and Paul Victor, respectively, received the applause which invariably falls to the lot of these old-time favorites. The chorus girls were comely and well drilled, the scenic effects conscientiously worked out and the whole performance greatly enjoyed.

The Women's Club Chorus was the guest of Dean and Mrs. Nagel at the Orpheum on Monday, January 23. This has become an annual custom to which the club looks forward with great pleasure.

A great deal of interest is being aroused over the home coming recital of Fay Cord at the Coliseum in the early part of February. As the beginning of her musical studies

took place in Des Moines, she is very affectionately regarded here, and is being locally advertised as "Our Own Fay Cord."

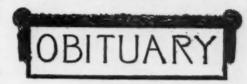
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The Handel Choir, Holmes Cowper, director, has begun rehearsals for an operatic concert to be given sometime in March.

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Bernice de Pasquali, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, is soon to appear in Foster's Opera House under the auspices of Highland Park College of Music.

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#### Adele Rafter.

Adele Rafter, who began her career in a church choir and later won success in operetta, died Monday of this week at the Hahnemann Hospital on Park avenue after an operation for appendicitis. Miss Rafter studied in Paris with Sbriglia. She sang at one time in the Brick Presbyterian Church, Fifth avenue and Thirty-seventh street. Miss Rafter made her stage debut in Philadelphia in De Koven's "Maid Marian" and she appeared later in a revival of "Robin Hood." Since then she has sung in other operettas and musical comedies. The parents of the deceased singer were at the hospital when she died. The remains were taken to the family home in Dunkirk, N. Y.

#### Leedere Gerville-Reacher

A cablegram from France on Monday of this week reported the death in Paris of Leodore Gerville-Reache, the father of the famous operatic contralto, Madame Gerville-Reache. The late M. Gerville-Reache was a member of the Legion of Honor. He had served his country as governor of the Colonies and has filled other offices. Madame Gerville-Reache is making a concert tour and later on will fill a series of engagements with the Metropolitan Opera Company. She has been especially engaged for eleven performances of "Samson and Delilah," in which she and Charles Dalmores will sing the title roles.

### Rudolf Bullerjahn.

Rudolf Bullerjahn, the conductor, died in Moscow recently after a short illness. He was born in Berlin in 1858. Bullerjahn achieved his directorial reputation chiefly in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Kieff, Odessa, Warsaw and Riga. Eight years ago he spent some months in New York, led several concerts here, and was an unsuccessful candidate for the leadership of the Philharmonic Orchestra.

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